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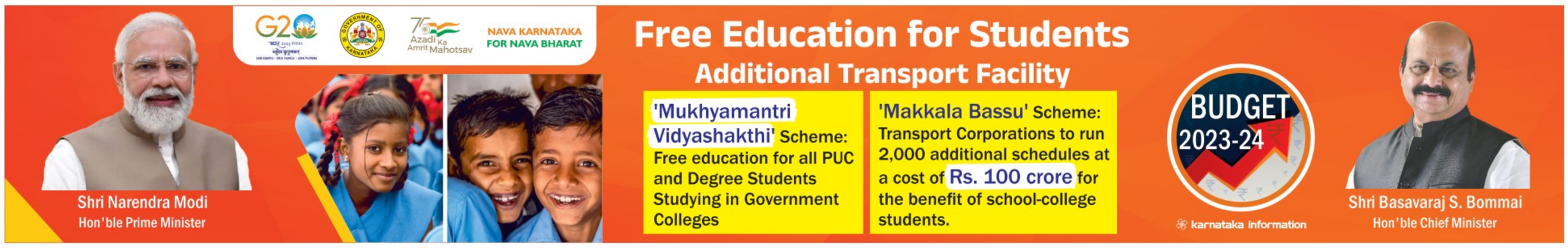

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Honouring Team '83

Champions all: Malini Parthasarathy, Chairperson, The Hindu Group, felicitating the Indian team that won the 1983 Cricket World Cup, at the Sportstar Aces awards in Mumbai on Monday. K.R. DEEPAK

Cong. always insulted its leaders from State such as SN, Kharge: PM

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
BELAGAVI

Setting the political tone ahead of the Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday alleged that the Congress high command had always insulted its senior leaders from Karnataka, the latest being AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge. "Now that I am here, I have to make a point. I feel that the Congress hates Karnataka. It has been insulting its leaders from Karnataka, especially those who do not act loyal to the first family there," Mr. Modi said.

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Heavy, peaceful polling in Meghalaya, Nagaland

Meghalaya registers a 77.55% turnout and Nagaland records 85.32%

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Meghalaya and Nagaland averaged more than 81% polling in the Assembly elections held on Friday.

Each State has a 60-member House. However, voting was held in 59 constituencies each as a BJP candidate was elected unopposed in Nagaland and a candidate of the United Democratic Party died in Meghalaya.

Meghalaya's Chief Electoral Officer Frederick Roy Kharkongor said 77.55% of the State's 21.61 lakh voters exercised their franchise, according to reports available by 7.30 p.m. The final figure could be closer to the 2018 mark of 85.59%.

Voters wait in a queue at a polling station in Mokokchung on Monday. ANI

His Nagaland counterpart, V. Shashank Shekhar, said 85.32% of the State's 13.17 lakh electors voted. "We are still expecting the results from 171 polling stations where voting continued beyond the closing time of 4 p.m.," he said.

The turnout in Nagaland was 83.85% in 2018.

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Expressway toll collection deferred

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The National Highways Authority of India has deferred the collection of toll on the Bengaluru - Mysuru expressway till March 14. Sources said toll collection is likely to happen after the Prime Minister inaugurates the expressway.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

India likely to miss deadline for half of health SDGs

75 The percentage of Indian districts that are off target for crucial Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators like poverty, stunting and wasting of children, anaemia, child marriage, partner violence, tobacco use, and contraceptive use. According to a study in *The Lancet*, India is not on target for over 50% of the indicators related to health for the 2030 deadline. PTI

India imported 19 lakh tonnes of fertilizers last month

3.9 The percentage by which India's fertilizer imports rose in January to 19.04 lakh tonnes compared to the year-ago period, according to the Fertilizer Ministry data. The country imported 18.33 lakh tonnes of fertilizers during January 2022. There has been a falling trend in fertilizer prices in the international market. Urea prices showed a decline of 44.26%. PTI

Irregularities found in institutions involved in scholarship scam

13 The number of institutions out of 22 educational institutions which are on the radar of the CBI due to grave irregularities being found in the ₹250 crore scholarship scam. Investigation revealed that these 13 institutions took scholarships in the name of about 2,000 fictitious students who either did not exist or had left the institutions. PTI

UN seeks additional aid for Yemen's humanitarian needs

4.3 In $ billion, the amount the UN is seeking to alleviate the suffering of millions of people in Yemen, where an eight-year civil war has created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Yemen's conflict started in 2014, when the Iran-backed rebel Houthis seized the capital, Sanaa, and much of the country's north. The conflict has become a regional proxy war. PTI

Victims of Italy's migrant tragedy were mostly Afghans

62 The death toll from Italy's migrant tragedy where an overloaded boat sank early Sunday in the stormy seas off Italy's southern Calabria region. Many of the victims were Afghans, including members of large families, as well as Pakistanis and Iraqis. Italy is a prime destination for migrant smugglers. AFP

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The New START treaty on pause

What is the history of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty? What does this decision by Russian President Vladimir Putin mean for the global arms control architecture? What does it mean for other nuclear powers?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

On February 23, on the eve of the first anniversary of his country's "special military operation" in Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that Moscow was unilaterally suspending the last remaining nuclear arms control treaty with the U.S., stating that the West was trying to destroy Russia. Making the announcement at the end of his nearly two-hour-long state of the-nation address to Russian lawmakers, Mr. Putin said that Moscow ought to stand ready to resume nuclear weapons tests if the U.S. does. This move would end a global ban in place on nuclear weapons tests since Cold War times. In response, the U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Mr. Putin's move was "deeply unfortunate and irresponsible".

What is the New START nuclear treaty?

About half a decade before the end of the Cold War, the then leaders of the U.S. and the erstwhile Soviet Union, Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, declared in a historic statement: "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."

While both Moscow and Washington were aggressive in their one-upmanship of expanding nuclear arsenals in the initial decades of the Cold War, they have engaged in bilateral talks since, albeit rocky ones, and signed multiple treaties to shrink and keep checks on each other's nuclear arsenals. The first formal dialogue, the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT), started between the two countries under former U.S. President Richard Nixon in 1969. The Anti-Ballistic Missile defence systems Treaty, which provided for the shooting down of incoming missiles, was signed in 1972, but the George W. Bush administration unilaterally pulled out of the pact in 2002.

The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I), signed in 1991, expired in late 2009 and another treaty, the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty (SORT or Moscow Treaty), was signed in 2002. However, the New START treaty replaced the 2002 pact and was the last remaining nuclear weapons control agreement between the two powers who together hold 90% of the world's nuclear arsenal.

The New START treaty was signed in 2010 by former U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and came into force in February 2011. It was extended for five years when current U.S. President Joe Biden took office in 2021. Under the Treaty, America and Russia cannot deploy more than 1,550 strategic nuclear warheads and more than 700 long-range missiles and bombers. It also limits each country to 800 deployed and non-deployed launchers and delivery vehicles. Additionally, it allows each side to carry out up to 18 short-notice (32 hours) on-site inspections of strategic nuclear weapons sites annually to ensure that the other country had not crossed the limits of the treaty.

Under the agreement, Russia and the U.S. exchange data twice a year on ballistic missiles under the treaty's purview and on bombers, test sites, nuclear bases etc. The treaty also mandates the two parties to send notifications within five days if they change or update something in their stockpile, like moving missiles to a new base or deploying a new warhead to the system. According to *The Washington Post*, after first coming into effect, the pact gave Washington and Moscow seven years to reduce their stockpiles, including nuclear warheads that are launched using long-range missiles, submarines, and bombers. In 2018, both nations met the arms limits prescribed by the pact.

War sounds: U.S. President Barack Obama and then Russian President Dmitry Medvedev sign the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Prague in 2010. AFP

Inspections under the treaty, however, have stalled in the past three years. They were first put on hold in March 2020 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. Moscow and Washington were due to discuss the restarting of inspections in November 2022, but this was postponed by Mr. Putin. There has been no development in this regard since.

Why did the Russian President suspend New START?

"I am forced to announce today that Russia is suspending its participation in the strategic offensive arms treaty," Mr. Putin said on February 23. He said the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and the U.S. wanted to "inflict 'strategic defeat' on Russia and "try to get to our nuclear facilities at the same time."

Mr. Putin argued that while the U.S. had pushed for the resumption of inspections of Russian nuclear facilities under the treaty, NATO allies were helping Ukraine mount drone attacks on Russian air bases hosting nuclear-capable strategic bombers. In December, the Russian military had said it shot down the drones that struck two bomber bases deep inside the country.

Mr. Putin also mocked NATO's statement urging Russia to allow the resumption of the U.S. inspections as "some kind of theatre of the absurd." "The drones used for it were equipped and modernised with NATO's expert assistance," Mr. Putin said. "And now they want to inspect our defence facilities?" He also put another condition on the table before any return could be made to negotiations. He said that the nuclear weapons of Britain and France were part of NATO's nuclear capability but weren't included in the U.S.-Russian pact. "They are also aimed against us. They are aimed against Russia," he said. "Before we return to discussing the treaty, we need to understand what are the aspirations of NATO members Britain and France and how we take it into account their strategic arsenals..."

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The Russian President also accused the U.S. of rejecting Russian requests for visits to specific U.S. facilities. Meanwhile, in its New START annual implementation report 2023, the U.S. State Department stated that Moscow was not complying with the pact as it had not let Washington carry out on-site inspections.

Will it trigger an arms race?

Notably, since Mr. Putin has not withdrawn from the treaty and just 'suspended' it, which is a term not defined in the official pact, analysts are saying the move would not immediately trigger an arms race between the two powers, and could be a part of Russia's political messaging amid the West's massive assistance to Ukraine amid the year-long conflict. Evidently, the Russian administration also announced that it does not plan to breach the limits on warheads prescribed in New START. The Russian Foreign Ministry said that it would continue notifying Washington of planned test launches of inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBMs).

John Erath, senior policy director at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, told *The Washington Post* that Mr. Putin's move was entirely symbolic", adding that Russia had already not been permitting inspections. Mr. Erath said the suspension seemed to be targetted at putting pressure on President Biden and European allies "so Russia can dictate the terms under which" the war would come to an end.

Sarah Bidgood, of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, told *NPR* that Russia's move is linked to the Ukraine conflict, indicating that the country no longer thinks that nuclear arms control is a separate issue from the ups and downs of bilateral relations.

What does the suspension mean for global arms control?

Following Mr. Putin's announcement, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the move had made the world a more dangerous place, adding that "with today's decision on New START, full arms control architecture has been dismantled."

Observers say the move not only disturbs the fragile calculus of nuclear arms controls between the two largest nuclear powers but could also give an opportunity to other nuclear-armed countries, especially China and others like Pakistan, Iran, Israel, and India among others, to increase their arsenals.

A *Reuters* analysis quoted Tong Zhao, U.S.-based nuclear expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace as saying that the move could hamper arms control cooperation between the U.S. and China.

"This is only going to make China even less interested in pursuing cooperative nuclear security with the United States," Mr. Zhao said. "Now even this last example of arms control cooperation is being seriously undermined."

THE GIST

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RISE	06:36	SET 18:28
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RISE	06:35	SET 18:28
RISE	14:20	SET 02:51

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Bengaluru	31	16

Bengaluru Today
32°C A dry weather to prevail. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be little warm. Night will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
32°C The weather will be dry. Day will be little warm. Night will be cool and hazy.

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Man arrested on charge of hatching plan to kill father

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Police say accused offered a contract of ₹1 crore, a flat, and gold to eliminate Narayanaswamy and even paid ₹1 lakh as advance

The Marathahalli police on Monday cracked the murder case of a 70-year-old realtor and arrested three people, including the son of the victim, who allegedly paid ₹1 crore to eliminate his father.

The son, Manikanta, 30, had met the other accused in prison, when he was arrested for the murder of his first wife. After being released, Manikanta married Archana and had a girl. However, Ms. Archana got to know that Manikanta was in bad company and even having an extramarital affair, said the police.

She, along with her daughter, returned to her mother and applied for a divorce, but her father-in-law, Narayanaswamy, a real estate businessman in Marathahalli with around 28 flats to his name, convinced her not to divorce his son and promised to gift her a flat and also help her monetarily.

Mr. Narayanaswamy was also not happy with his son and started to keep a distance. Enraged by this, Manikanta roped in Shivakumar, 24, and Adarsha T., 26, by offering them the contract of ₹1 crore, a flat, and gold valuables to eliminate Mr. Narayanaswamy. Manikanta even paid ₹ 1 lakh to the accused as advance, said the police.

Hacked to death
As per the plan, Shivakumar and Adarsha kept a watch on Mr. Narayanaswamy and hacked him to death at the parking lot of Indraprastha Apartments on February 13 and sped away, said the police.

Manikanta, who was at home, rushed his father to the hospital to create an alibi and even performed his last rites.

During the course of the investigation, the police, knowing about his criminal background, suspected Manikanta's role and confirmed it through the call record details, before picking him up for questioning.

Detailed probe
A detailed probe led him to confess, based on which Shivakumar and Adarsha were arrested.

The police have also recovered the bike and weapons used by the accused for the murder.

Over 1,500 trees to be felled for phase I of suburban rail project

Residents in Kasturingar raise concerns, demand authorities to reconsider axing of trees

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

Over 1,500 trees will make way for the first phase of the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) in the city.

The contractor, selected by Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE), has started axing trees at multiple locations. Under phase I of the project, the KRIDE has taken up corridor 2 from Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanavara; the total length of this corridor is 25 km.

The KRIDE, in two separate requests to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), has sought the removal of 2,091 trees.

The DCF, who is also the tree officer, has permitted the axing of 1,502 trees for laying tracks and allied construction work. For the rest of the trees, an order was issued for retention or translocation.

No objections were received for the removal of trees after the public notice was issued by the tree officer. The first order for the removal of 268 trees was issued in December, and for 1,234 trees, the order was issued on Friday.

Residents of Kasturinagar have objected to cutting well-grown trees for implementing the suburban rail project, in Bengaluru on Monday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

An official of KRIDE said: "For corridor 2, in three stages, we have approached the tree officer, seeking permission to remove trees coming in the way of the alignment. In the first stage, the trees coming under BBMP limits were identified, and the tree officers were permitted to fell 268 trees. These trees are located on the roadside or pavements. In the next stage, trees located on railway land were identified from Baiyappanahalli railway station to the Lottegollahalli railway station. On this stretch, permission has been granted to fell 1,234 trees. For the rest of the stretch, tree inspection is on".

The KRIDE will translocate a total of 131 trees.

Concerns raised
Meanwhile, residents in Kasturinagar have raised concerns over the removal of the trees and demanded that the authorities reconsider the decision to remove trees located on the roadside, and on pedestrian paths.

Raghunath Iyer, a resident of Kasturinagar, said: "The alignment of the proposed project is badly planned. In our area, though there is enough empty space available for construction activities, instead of utilising them, trees located on the roadside have been axed for the project. These trees are well grown and have been there for 30 to 40 years. These kinds of projects should be sustainable, and green cover, which is rapidly diminishing, should be protected. The authorities should take all measures to minimise tree cutting."

Ramakrishna G., another resident of the area, said while good transport infrastructure is required, it should not be at the cost of the environment. "Kasturinagar has already lost several trees. So, authorities must ensure that trees are not randomly cut in the name of development."

When asked about the removal of roadside trees, the KRIDE official said: "We are only removing trees identified by the tree officer. The concerns raised by the residents will be looked into."

State has achieved 126% of target in cataract surgeries: Sudhakar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka has achieved 126% of the target given by the Union government in cataract surgeries, said Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar, adding that the green laser treatment has also been started in government hospitals for people with diabetes. "The Centre had set a target of 3,39,600 cataract surgeries this year. However, we have conducted 4,28,451, achieving 126% of the target," a release quoted Dr. Sudhakar on Monday.

Several people, especially in Kalyana Karnataka and North Karnataka regions, are suffering from diabetic retinopathy, for which advanced green laser treatment has been introduced, he added.

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"Our ophthalmologists at Government Hospital in Vijayapura have developed special expertise and are performing this surgery on a pilot basis. We are also seeing good results from this," he said.

Retinopathy owing to diabetes can lead to gradual vision loss. If it is detected, the problem can be solved by green laser treatment.

People with diabetic retinopathy will have vision issues even in bright light. Over 40 patients have undergone surgery in Vijayapura district in the last one month, and the treatment will be extended to other hospitals as well, the release added.

In addition to this, the "Blindness Free Ballari District" campaign is getting a good response and special mobile treatment camps are being organised in every taluk of the district.

Arrangements are being made for special treatment in taluk hospitals. He said that on an average 22 people are given green laser treatment in the camp.

Around 65% students in State are below average in proficiency in reading: Report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has released the 'Foundational Learning Study-2022 (FLS)' report, according to which around 60 to 65% Karnataka students are below the average in proficiency in reading.

The National Education Policy has pointed out that the ability to read and write and perform basic operation with numbers, is a necessary foundation and an indispensable prerequisite for all future schooling and lifelong learning. As a first step, the Department of School Education and Literacy set up a National Mission for Universalisation of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy called 'National Initiative for Proficiency Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat). The mission aims to ensure that all children by the end of Class III achieve foundational learning standards by 2026-27.

Fact sheet

As many as 2,368 students from 263 schools in Karnataka were part of the study	words in one minute
As per the study, 18% of students can read up to 13 words correctly with comprehension in one minute	19% boys can read up to 13 words, 37% can read 14 to 29 words, 27% can read 30-48 words, and 17% boys can read 49 and above words in one minute
38% students can read 14 to 29 words, 28% can read up to 48 words, and 16% can read 49 and above words in one minute	In numeracy skills, 11% of students lack even the basic knowledge
17% girls can read up to 13 words, 40% can read 14 to 29 words, 28% can read 30-48 words, and 15% girls can read 15	36% students partially met the minimum proficiency, 42% met the proficiency, and 14% have superior knowledge and skill

Following this, the NCERT conducted a large-scale FLS in March, 2022. FLS covered Class III students and aimed to benchmark foundational literacy, numeracy skills in 20 Indian languages, including Kannada, which will help to track the progress of child.

Approximately, 86,000 Class III students from 10,000 government, aided, and unaided schools were covered in the survey. As many as 2,368 students from 263 schools in Karnataka were part of this study.

As per the results of the study, 18% of students can read up to 13 words correctly with comprehension in one minute. As many as 38% students can read 14 to 29 words, 28% can read up to 48 words, and 16% can read 49 and above words in one minute.

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Diesel stolen from bus depot

The Hindu Bureau
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The Yelahanka New Town police are on the lookout for a gang which gained entry into the BMTC depot, and escaped after stealing 167 litres of diesel from the parked buses on Sunday.

According to a complaint by Ramesh, depot in charge, he said that he was on routine check-up, when he found fuel spill under the tanks of a few buses.

Mr. Ramesh inspected and found hundreds of litres of fuel stolen and alerted the police.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE KNOWN TO ALL that my client, intend to purchase the **Site No.7,** measuring East to West 80 ft & North to South 50 ft, in Sy. No.1,2,3,4,5,58 & 60 of **Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, BST,** which bounded on the **East by: Road, West by: Site No.20, North by: 8, South by: Site No.6,** from its owners **Sri.N.S.Banappa** and his wife **Smt.N.S.Praphulla Banappa.** If any person entity has any claim/objection in the matter of the intended sale of the said property or any part, thereof, such a person submit his/her claim/objection with documentary proof thereof to the undersigned in writing **within (07) days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there is no claims/objections and our client shall proceed with the purchase of the said site from the owner.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client viz., **Mrs. NUTHANAKALAVA SAVITHRI, W/o Sri. Nuthanakalava Chandrasekhara Reddy** has proposed to purchase the Property bearing all the piece and parcel of the immovable property BDA Site No.6AC-312, Measuring East to West 15.25 Meters, North to South 24.40 Meters, total area 372.10 Sq.Mtrs., and also they are the absolute Owners of Marginal Land Adjacent to Site No.6AC-312, Measuring East to West 0.45 Mtrs and North to South 24.4 Mtrs totally 04.70Sq. Mtrs., and totally measuring including Marginal land is Est to West 15.70 Mtrs and North to South 24.40 Mtrs, totally measuring 376.80 Sq.Mtrs., present BBMP Katha No. 6AC-312, PID No. 88-255-6AC-312, (Old BDA Katha Sl No.RON/3/6AC-312/01-02, Situated at **Old Madras Road Banaswadi Road Extension (OMBR Layout), Banaswadi, Bangalore,** presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara palike, Ward No. 84-Banaswadi, together with residential Duplex house standing there on consisting of Ground and First Floors, Measuring 3200 Sq feet of built up area together with, RCC Roofing, Marble Flooring, Teak Wood Wooden Doors and Windows with electric fittings, Cauvery Water facilities and having one bore-well, pump house having masonry brick, with KEB electricity meter bearing No: Acc ID 8824377000 & RR No. 8EEH5892, etc., with all civic amenities and bounded on the
East by : Site No. 6 AC 314;
West by : Site No. 6 AC 310;
North by : 6th A Cross Road;
South by : Site No. 6C 311;
from it's present Owners **Sri. DUNCAN PAUL WATKINSON @ DUNCAN WATKINSON and his children** and the **Sri. Duncan Paul Watkinson said Smt.Vasanti Watkinson** had acquired the same through two separate Registered Sale Deed dated 04/06/2001, registered as document bearing No. 2696/2001-02, Volume No. 2022, Page Nos.43-61, Book I, Registered before the office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R. PURAM, Bangalore and also and Marginal Land Adjacent to Site No.6AC-312, Measuring East to West 0.45 Mtrs and North to South 24.4 Mtrs totally 04.70Sq. Mtrs. through Registered Marginal Land Absolute Sale Deed dated 29th January 2003, registered on 19/3/2003, registered as document No. 12882/2002-03, Volume 745, Pages 203-205, Book-I, Registered before the office of the Additional District Registrar, Bangalore, after the intestate death of my mother viz., Smt.Vasanti Watkinson on 07/05/2022, Husband & children of said Smt. Vasanti Watkinson have inherited & succeed to the entire estate including the schedule property.
Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **15 days** from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING O.S NO. 232/2023 IS PENDING BEFORE THE III ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT DEVANAHALLI IN RESPECT OF SCHEUDLE PROPERTY

This is inform to general public at large that, without prejudice, **I, Nagesh son of Late. Nanjundappa @ Nanjundiah,** aged about 60 years, residing at E.Hosur Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Is absolute owner in possession of the following ancestral and joint family immovable properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy No. 39/12 (Old Sy No.39/1) measuring 1.00 acre out of 1 acre 18 guntas, situated at **Indrasanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on the :
East by : Property belonging to Kak Puttappa, West by : Village boundary, North by : Property belonging to Anil.Lad, South by :Property Belonging to Munivenkatappa.
Item No.2
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy No. 40/2 measuring 2 acres 6 guntas, situated at **Indrasanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on the :
East by : Property belongings to Hegganahalli Muniyappa, West by :Property belongings to Dodda Muniyappa, North by :Property belongings to Giddappa, South by : Property belongings to Thimmanna.
Let it further inform to general in public that the above schedule properties are my joint family and ancestral properties and I am filed the suit for Partition to declare that, I am entitle 1/5th share by meets and bounds with separate possession and consequently to declare that the sale deed dated 04.02.2005, registered vide document no. DNH-1-04533-2004-05, stored in C.D No.DNHD36 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Devanahalli executed by Sri.Nanjundappa in favor of Sri. Anil.H.Lad is not binding on my share in all the aforesaid properties and said suit is pending before the Hon'ble III additional senior Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli in O.S No. 232 of 2023 (Next date of hearing 24.03.2023) against 1).Muniyamma Wife of Nanjundappa @ Nanjundiah, aged about 80 years, 2). Nagaraj Son of Late Nanjundappa @ Nanjundiah, aged about 63 years, 3). Hanumanth son of Late. Nanjundappa @ Nanjundiah, aged about 57 years, 4). Chandrappa son of Late. Nanjundappa @ Nanjundiah, aged about 55 years all are residing at E.Hosur Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and 5). Sri. Anil H.Lad Son of Heeroji V.Lad, aged about 50 years, R/at. "House of Lad" Palace Road, Sandur 586119 and 6). M.Poobalan son of M.Muthuswamy, aged about 60 years, R/at. No. 399. 11th Cross, 5th Main, HIG Colony, RMV 2nd Stage, Bengalore 560094 (G.P.A Holder of Sri Anil H.Lad Son of Heeroji V.Lad but the aforesaid persons are colluding with each other already created alleged sale deeds, conversion order etc.,, in respect of schedule properties and also trying to form a layout and create third party interest and also trying to obtain loan from various banks to create further encumbrance on the basis of alleged title and interest with respect to the immovable properties described in the above schedule.
Let it further inform to general in public that all banks, societies, corporation or persons having any claim against or in respect of the aforesaid properties or part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, possession, sale, gift, lease, lien charge, trust, maintenace, easements, transfer licence either agitated in any litigation or otherwise or any other right or interest whatsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing in to us at address mentioned above within 20 days from the date of publication hereof otherwise all actions and deeds under the said alleged deeds and Mutation entries are questionable before the Hon'ble 3rd Additional Senior Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli in O.S No. 232 of 2023.
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I, JOHNSON, R/a No.562, 8th Cross, Pillanna Garden 3rd Stage, St.Thomas Town Post, Bangalore-560084 have changed my name to Johnson Pinto vide affidavit dt: 25.02.2023 sworn before Notary C.Sharada, B'lore.

I, Ayesha Siddiqua Mohammed Ameen D/O, Ameen Ahmed Mohammed R/o No 13 A1 Bda Flats Austin Town Neelasandra Bengaluru 560047 have changed my name to M Ayesha Siddiqua for all purposes.

I Sudheer S/o Raghava Acharya, residing at 3/98-8, Athithya Nivasa, Kunjibettu, Karkala Taluk, VTC: Miyar, PO: Borkatte , Udupi, Karnataka - 574107, have changed my name to Sudheer Acharya for all purposes in future.

I, RITIKA Ashish Srivastava, R/o A-0302, Classic Royale Garden, Hennur Main Road, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my name from Ritika Ashish Srivastava to Ritika Srivastava vide affidavit dated 25-02-2023 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

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I, ASHOK Kumar, S/o Late. Ram Kuber Yadav, R/o 6/337, New No.25, Annai Illam,1st Floor, Murugeshpalya,, Church Street, Bengaluru-560017, have changed my name from Ashok Kumar to Ashok Kumar Yadav vide affidavit dated 25-02-2023 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, ABHINAV Kumar, S/o Ashok Kumar Yadav, R/o No.6/337, New No.25, Annai Illam, 1st Floor, Murugeshpalya, Church Street, Bengaluru-560017, have changed my name from Abhinav Kumar to Abhinav Kumar Yadav vide affidavit dated 27-02-2023 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru

I, DIVYAJ, D O B 25-12-1998 resident of Flat No.302, 2nd Floor, No.91/72, 7th Cross, Behind Eshwara Layout, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560038 have changed my name from Divyaj to Divyaj Balivada vide affidavit dated 27-02-2023 before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

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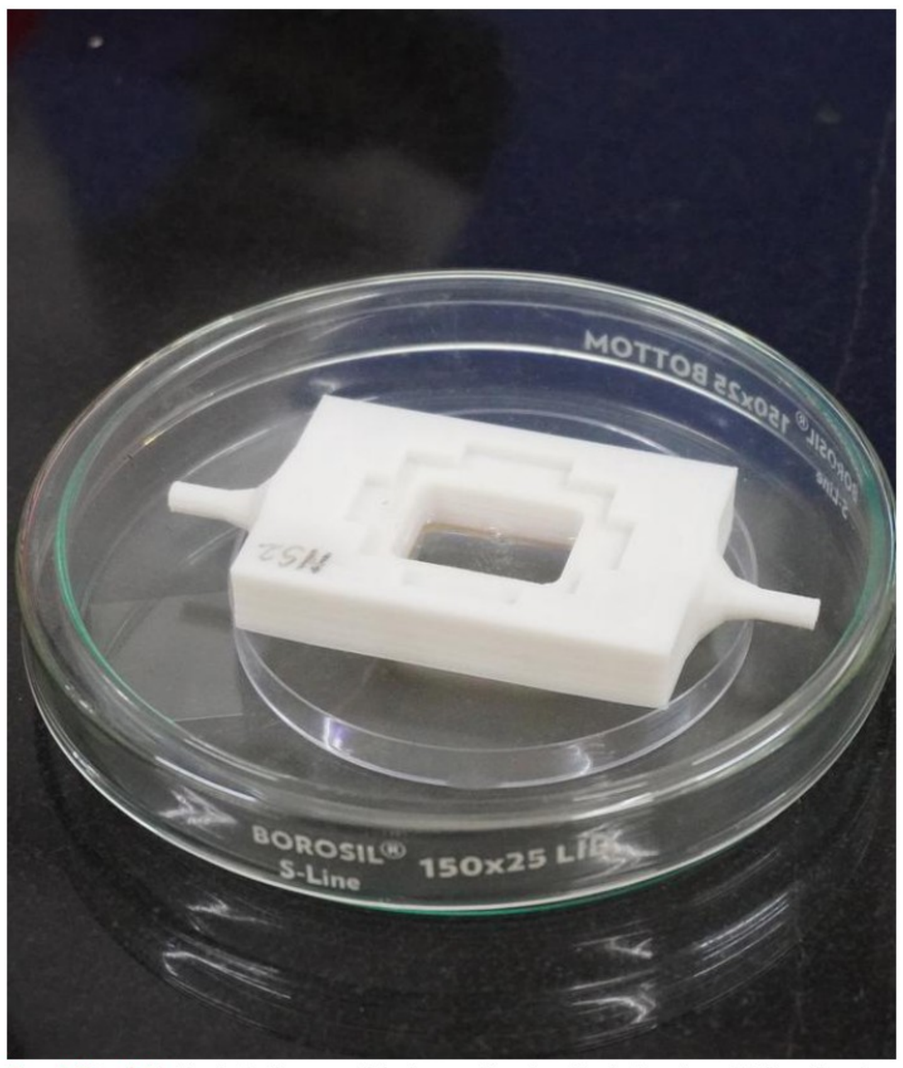
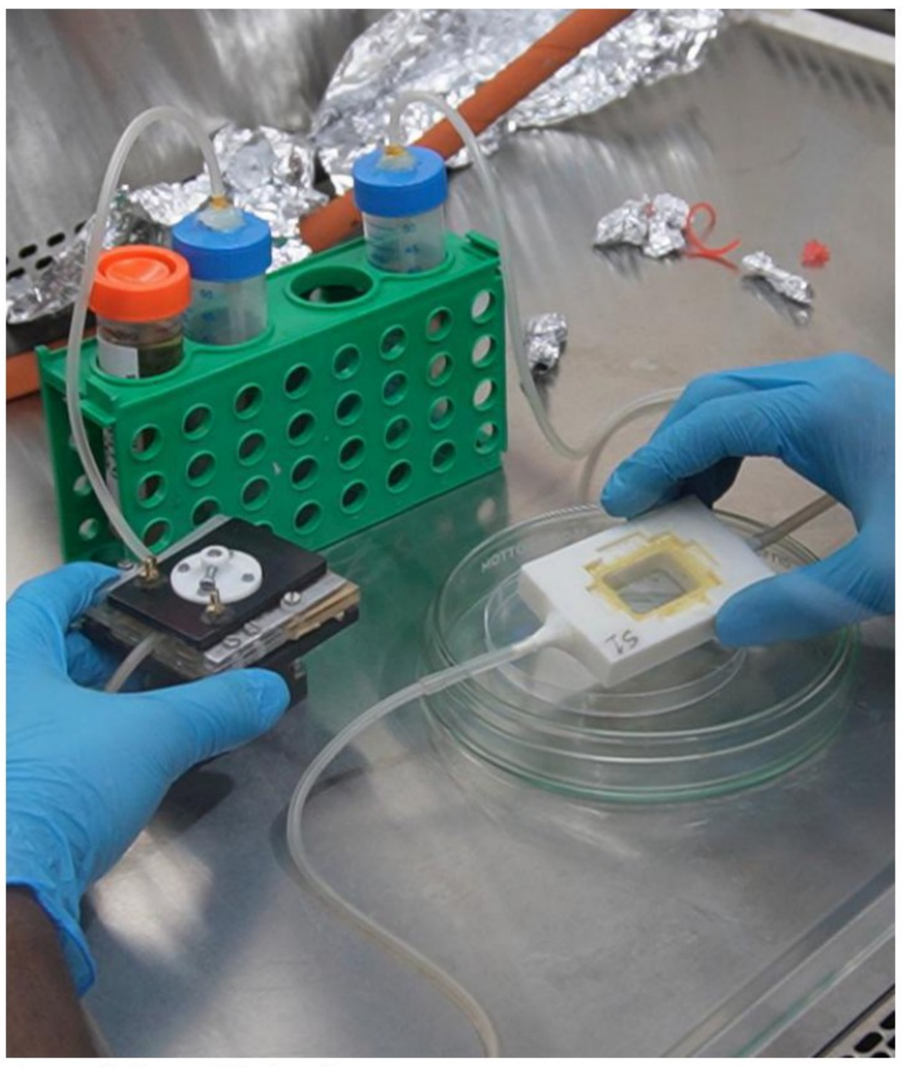




From left to right: The device for wound infection on chip set up; the device set up with flow of media and cells present in the wound infection milieu. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'Organ on a chip': a tech which mimics disease systems in laboratory conditions

Researchers and biomedical companies in the West have started to build assemblies of different organ chips. These chips are small devices containing human cells that mimic the environment in human organs which allow them to be used to test new drugs

Joel P. Joseph

Last year, the U.S. government passed the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act 2.0. The move is expected to boost the research and development of 'organ chips' – small devices containing human cells that are used to mimic the environment in human organs, including blood flow and breathing movements, serving as synthetic environments in which to test new drugs.

Introducing a new drug

Bringing a new drug into the market is an expensive process ridden with failure. First, researchers identify chemical compounds that can be used to treat a condition using modelling and other techniques. Then they shortlist those that perform well and test them on cells grown on plastic dishes in the lab or on animals that can mimic the disease in certain conditions.

At this stage, called the preclinical trial, scientists determine whether these drugs are toxic and if they can efficaciously treat the condition. Animals used here include mice, rats, hamsters, and guinea pigs, depending on the drug being tested. Researchers also use pigs when testing implant devices like stents. If the trial results are favourable, researchers can begin human clinical trials.

Today, fewer than 10% of new drugs complete preclinical studies and fewer than 50% of these eventually successfully complete clinical trials. Some researchers blame the use of animal models in preclinical studies for this enormous failure rate. The current consensus is that animals can mimic some human diseases well but not others. In cases where they can't, a new drug that seems promising in preclinical studies is almost certainly bound to fail in human clinical trials.

These challenges have led scientists to look for alternative models that mimic human diseases. One such is the organ-on-a-chip model, which has garnered a lot of attention in the last decade.

Organ chips

Donald Ingber, a professor of bioengineering and director of the Wyss Institute at Harvard University, and his colleagues developed the first human organ-on-a-chip model in 2010. It was a 'lung on a chip' that mimicked biochemical aspects of the lung and its breathing motions.

In 2014, Wyss Institute members launched a startup called Emulate Inc. to commercialise their technology. The group has since created several different chips, including of the bone marrow, epithelial barrier, lung, gut, kidney, and vagina. Recently, Emulate's liver chips could successfully predict the ability of drugs to cause liver injury with 87% sensitivity and 100% specificity. The researchers used liver chips to evaluate the toxic effects of 27 drugs known to be either safe or cause liver injury in humans.

Organ chips in India

A few research groups in India have also been developing organ-on-chip models.

Prajakta Dandekar-Jain is an assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences and technology at the Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai.

Her group has developed a skin-on-chip model together with the team of Abhijit Majumdar, an associate professor of chemical engineering at IIT Bombay. The model is currently being tested for studying skin irritation and toxicity. The two groups are also developing a retina-on-chip model together.

Dr. Majumdar and his team are also separately developing a placenta-on-chip model with Debjani Paul, a professor of bioscience and bioengineering at IIT Bombay, and Deepak Modi, a scientist at the ICMR-National Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child Health, Mumbai.

According to Dr. Majumder, these models better predict treatment outcomes than conventional cell-culture systems, where researchers grow cells in plastic dishes in the lab, since they model different aspects of the human body, including its three-dimensional geometry and the flow of fluids like blood and lymph.

Apart from organs, researchers are also trying to mimic different disease states using chips. Kaushik Chatterjee, an associate professor of materials engineering, and Deepak K. Saini, a professor of developmental biology and genetics at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, are doing this for the lung.

The group of Karishma Kaushik, an assistant professor of biotechnology at the Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), has developed an infection-on-a-chip model to recreate a human skin wound infection state. The goal is to mimic an infection that doesn't heal despite prolonged and repeated antibiotic treatment.

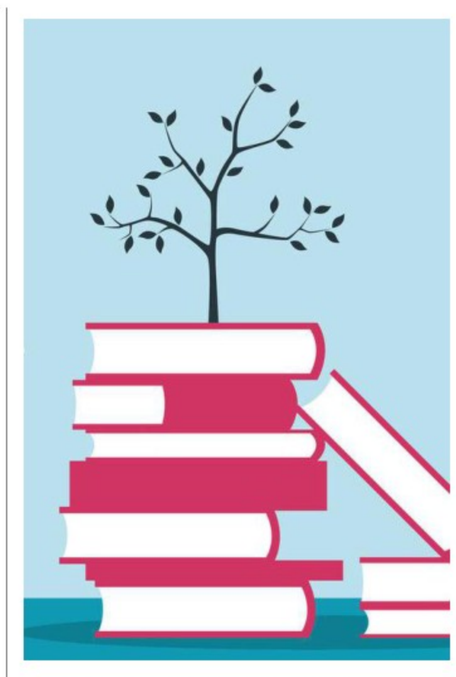
"If the cells are isolated from patients and used to create biomimetic tissues, the resulting organ chips can be used to develop personalised therapies for individual patients," Dr. Dandekar-Jain said.

Ready to use?

Some of these organs-on-chips that Indian scientists have developed are ready for use as drug test-beds in lab settings, but they could be a decade away from featuring in preclinical trials, with a push, according to Dr. Kaushik. However, Dr. Dandekar-Jain said it should only be a matter of a couple years before the industry adopts these technologies, provided it can forge good collaborations with academia, access training programmes to popularise the technology, and get government support.

Researchers and biomedical companies in the West have started to build larger human-on-chip models – assemblies of different organ chips containing nutrients for the cells flowing across them, mimicking the flow of blood and nutrients across different organs in the body. The idea is to predict the efficacy of a drug against a particular disease in the presence of messy organ interactions instead of cleanly isolated systems.

Joel P. Joseph is a freelance science journalist and researcher who works with 3D cell-culture systems.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Mr. A. V. S. Sarma of Proddattur writes: 'When I addressed an unmarried colleague of mine in her early twenties as 'madam', she took objection saying that 'madam' is used only when addressing elderly married women. Next time when I addressed her as 'Miss', she became furious and said it was used only for teachers. Please clarify'."

" 'Madam' is a polite form of address for a woman, married or not, the person may be young or old. 'Madame' is the French equivalent of English 'Mrs'. It is used before the name of a married woman. Occasionally 'Madame' is used by English women who teach dancing, singing, music, elocution, etc. They could be married or single. The name of an unmarried woman is preceded by 'Miss'. Miss Smith. Miss Johnson. The name must be the last name and not the first name; that is, you should say 'Miss Johnson' and not 'Miss Elizabeth'. This is the English convention. Sometimes a young woman is addressed by men as 'Miss'. But these days it is considered non-standard and felt to be 'demeaning to the person addressed'. However, 'Miss' is still used by school children when they address their women teachers, married or not."

"P. Sukanyasyam of Tirupathi wants to know which of the following is correct: (a) 'is tantamount to', (b) 'tantamount to'."

"Both are correct.

It is tantamount to a refusal.

It tantamounts to a refusal.

'Tantamount to' means 'to equal, to amount to as much'. 'It is tantamount to an order' means that it amounts to an order. You can also say 'It tantamounts to an order'."

"Mr. Pudaya Prakash, Engineer. Engineers India Limited, Damanjodi, Koreput district, Orissa, wants to know the meaning and pronunciation of 'fete'."

"A fete is a 'festival or a bazaar-like function to raise money for charity'.

The fete was a great success.

We are going to organise a fete in your college.

'Fete' is also used as a verb. It means 'to honour by entertaining, make a fuss of'.

He loves to be feted.

'Fete' rhymes with 'late' and 'hate'. It is from French 'fete' and is related to the word 'feast'."

"Mr. S. Jitendra of Sri Satya Sai Hostel, Puttaparti wants to know the pronunciation of 'campaign' and 'dough'."

" 'Cam-' rhymes with 'dam' and '-paign' rhymes with 'gain' and 'main'. 'Dough' rhymes with 'though' and 'foe'. 'Dough' means 'flour mixed with water ready for baking'. 'Dough' as slang means 'money'.

I don't have any dough to spare."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

India celebrates National Science Day every February 28. It was on this day in 1928, C.V. Raman announced the discovery of an optical effect called the Raman effect

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

The discovery of the Raman effect is credited to Raman and K. S. Krishnan. But which Austrian physicist had predicted it in theory five years earlier?

QUESTION 2

In 1928, three groups announced the same 'Raman effect' in three substances: gases, liquids and crystals. Raman and Krishnan worked with liquids. Name the discoverers of the effect in gases and crystals.

QUESTION 3

On May 6, 1928, one of Raman's students published an article in the *Nature journal* using the term 'Raman effect' for the first time. Who was the student?

QUESTION 4

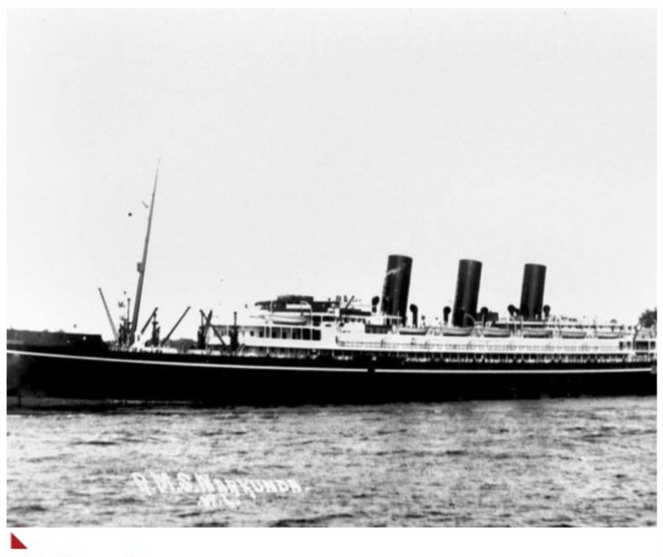
India has observed National Science Day since 1987. Whose idea was it to mark such a day on February 28?

QUESTION 5

At the time of the effect's discovery, Raman and Krishnan were conducting their work at the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), Calcutta. Name the Bengali doctor and social reformer who founded it in 1876.

QUESTION 6

This part-time researcher at IACS named made, in Raman's words, "a remarkable observation" in January 1928 that inspired Raman and Krishnan to conduct some tests that eventually revealed the Raman effect. Name the part-time researcher.



Visual question:
What is the name of this ship and how is it connected to Raman?
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Questions and Answers of the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The award Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak received in 1985 from the then U.S. President Ronald Regan. **Ans: National Medal of Technology and Innovation**
2. This class which Jobs audited at Reed College helped him pay greater attention to certain elements of Apple products. **Ans: Calligraphy**
3. This Disney-Pixar movie was dedicated to Jobs. **Ans: *Brave***
4. The third product which Jobs introduced in 2007 while he was introducing the iPhone. **Ans: Internet communications device**
5. The company in which Jobs owned more stock than Apple. **Ans: Disney**
Visual : The university at which Jobs told students to stay hungry, stay foolish. **Ans: Stanford University**
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Word of the day

Pagination:
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Synonyms: folio, page number, paging

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Toll collection on Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway deferred till March 14

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has deferred the collection of toll on the Bengaluru - Mysuru expressway.

B.T. Sridhara, project director of NHAI, in a letter to the senior assistant director of the Department of Information and Public Relations in Ramanagara district, stated that owing to "unavoidable reasons," collection of the toll has been deferred till March 14.

On Sunday, the NHAI announced that the toll for using the 55-km stretch from Bengaluru to Nidaghatta will be collected from February 28 [Tuesday]. It also released a toll chart for different types of vehicles.

Sources said that the toll collection is likely to happen after Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally inaugurates the expressway.

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Before the NHAI made a formal announcement on deferring the toll, Pratap Simha, Mysuru MP, in a social media post, claimed that the collection of toll on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway had been deferred till the completion of service roads.

It may be mentioned here that Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar, during his recent visit to Mysuru, had cautioned the government against collecting toll before completing the service roads.

Thales to hire 550 employees in Bengaluru and Noida

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

French Aerospace and Defence company Thales will hire over 500 people for its engineering centres in Bengaluru and Noida in 2023. In 2023, Thales plans to hire over 12,000 new employees to support its strong growth trajectory in its three core markets: Aerospace, Defence and Security, and Digital Identity and Security, the company said.

The group will be hiring across the world and expects to take on 5,500 new employees in France, 550 in India, 1,050 in the United Kingdom, 600 in Australia, and 540 in the United States, Thales said.

Thales is recruiting people on permanent or fixed-term contracts as well as providing several internal mobility opportunities in India and across the globe.

Thales said that it is also working to improve the gender balance in its workforce. In 2022, women accounted for 25% of new hires in India, and represented 22% of the group's India workforce.

Thales said it lays particular emphasis on nurturing future talent through internships.

Correction

A report carried in these columns of the Bengaluru edition on February 22, 'G20 deliberations won't result in the Holy Grail', based on a press briefing attended by Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India V. Anantha Nageswaran, did not accurately reflect the official's statements. Mr. Nageswaran had said that the G20 deliberations would be a two-way flow of information to which India had much to contribute, and that it would be presumptuous to think that India could offer an ultimate solution to other nations.

The article had said that an ultimate solution will not emerge from the G20 deliberations. The error is regretted.

Birth centenary fete of M.S. Ramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The birth centenary celebrations of M.S. Ramaiah, founder-chairman of Gokula Education Foundation, will be held on March 1 at the Gnanagangothri campus, M.S. Ramaiah Nagar, and Vice-President Jagadeep Dhankhar will be the chief guest.

Speaking at a press conference on Monday, M.R. Jayaram, chairman of Gokula Education Foundation, said: "We are successfully continuing the educational service started by our father 62 years ago. It is a pleasure that the Vice-President is coming to the birth centenary programme".

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From Page One

Congress has always insulted its leaders: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking after launching development works in Belagavi on Monday. P.K. BADIGER

"It is a well-known fact that veterans like S. Nijalingappa and Veerendra Patil have been insulted by the party in the past. Recently, during the Congress plenary session in Chhattisgarh, it insulted senior leader and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge. I felt sad looking at it," Mr. Modi said, while addressing a public meeting here after taking part in a roadshow.

"During the plenary, Mr. Kharge was standing in the scorching sun. Other leaders were also suffering under the hot sun. But Mr. Kharge could not get an umbrella. Someone else got it. Despite being the senior-most and experienced leader and president of the party, Mr. Kharge did not have the fortune of having the shade of an umbrella over his head," he said.

"I have a lot of respect for Mr. Kharge. When in power, Mr. Kharge has tried to do what ever good he could for the country and the State. But the Congress has no respect for its senior-most leader," he said. "This shows that Mr. Kharge is the AICC president only in name. His power is symbolic. The world is watching such developments and has realised who in the Congress has the remote control in hand," the Prime Minister said.

"Congress leaders are convinced that as long as Mr. Modi is alive, their plans will not succeed. That is why some of them are raising slogans like 'Death to Modi'. They claim that 'Modi's grave is being dug'. But the people of this country are saying that Modi, your lotus is blooming," he said.

"I believe I have the blessings of the people as when you work sincerely, your work leads to development of the country. We are committed to the development of the country and the welfare of its countrymen. We will all move forward when the efforts of all the people are combined," he said. He released the 13th instalment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme and inaugurated the redeveloped railway station in Belagavi.

Development has reached smaller cities and towns under BJP rule: PM

'For first 70 years of India's Independence, only bigger cities witnessed development and government never thought of airports in Tier 2 and 3 cities'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking a look at the new airport in Shivamogga on Monday, and (right) being greeted by former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at the event to mark the inauguration of the airport and the laying of foundation stone of multiple projects. PTI AND ANI

Sathish G.T.
SOGANE (SHIVAMOGGA)

Stating that development has reached smaller cities and towns during the BJP rule, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the speed of growth has increased under the "double engine" government.

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the new airport at Sogane near Shivamogga on Monday, Mr. Modi said that for the first 70 years of India's Independence, only bigger cities witnessed development. Those in the government then never thought of airports in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. "From independence to 2014, there were only 74 airports in the country while 74 new airports have been added in the last nine years under the BJP's rule," he said.

The airport in Shivamogga will open the gateway to opportunities for people of the Malnad region. The airport has been inaugurated at a time when the number of air travellers is on the rise. "We launched the UDAAN programme with an intention to ensure poor people should also get the experience of air travel," he said.

On Air India

During the Congress rule, Mr. Modi alleged that Air India was known for scams. However, now Air India has signed an agreement for its 'largest aircraft order'. "The aviation industry is growing on a large scale. With this, thousands of youths will get jobs," he said. Further, Mr. Modi said soon Indians would be travelling on flights 'made in India'.

Appreciating the nature, culture and agricultural patterns in Shivamogga district, Mr. Modi referred to Mattur, a village near Shivamogga, as the only village with Sanskrit-speaking people; the Chowdeshwari temple at Sigandur in Sagar taluk, Esur in Shikaripur taluk, known for the sacrifice of its people during the freedom struggle, Agumbe in Tirthahalli taluk, popular for its sunset spot. In his speech, Mr. Modi referred to Jnanpith awardee Kuvempu and his State anthem.

He said the government had taken up projects to improve railway and road connectivity in the district. Besides that, emphasis had been placed on providing rural people with piped drinking water.

Mr. Modi was welcomed with a garland of arecanuts, presented a wooden replica of Shivamogga airport, a shawl and a peta.

The sandalwood replica of the airport, which has been designed to represent a lotus, the symbol of the BJP, is the work of artist G. Adarsha of Sagar.

International airport

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, addressing the gathering, said the airport in Shivamogga would soon develop into an international airport. "The airport will open opportunities for growth in different sectors, including industry and tourism, offering jobs to hundreds of youths. It will bring significant changes to the Malnad region," he said.

Mr. Bommai stated that the country has undergone significant changes since Mr. Modi assumed office in 2014. "The number of airports built in the last nine years is more than the number of airports built since Independence. Similarly, the number of medical colleges has gone up in the last nine years. The number of toilets has increased by three times in the last nine years," he said.

Under the leadership of Mr. Modi, the country had achieved financial stability. This raised Mr. Modi's profile on the international stage. "We are all proud of him for being chosen to head the G-20, the premier forum for international economic cooperation," he said. Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Ministers and elected representatives of Shivamogga district were present on the occasion.

Huge crowds greet Prime Minister during roadshow in Belagavi

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Huge crowds were seen on both sides of the route of the road show by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Belagavi on Monday. The 10.5-kilometre roadshow took over 90 minutes from the time the Prime Minister got down from a helicopter in the KSRP helipad.

People were waving, raising slogans, singing songs, beating drums and holding flags.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi waving to the crowd in Shahpur, Belagavi, on Monday. P.K. BADIGER

Mr. Modi stood on the footrest, on the left side of a black SUV, for most of the route. He waved to the crowd and smiled at them. He also picked up a few garlands and threw them at the people. In some places, he sat inside the SUV and waved to the people.

The PM stopped his vehicle for a moment in front of the redeveloped Shivaji Garden. He bowed at the door of the garden and to artists who were dressed up as Chhatrapati Shivaji and other heroes.

When the PM reached the main stage in Malini City, near the Bengaluru-Pune national highway, singer Vinayak More and other members of Swaranjali troupe sang the Nada Geete (State anthem). Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai felicitated Mr. Modi. Muzrai Minister Shashikala Jolle and Mangala Angadi, MP, presented an idol of Saundatti Yallamma to Mr. Modi.

Funds credited to farmers' accounts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the day of Prime Minister's visit to Karnataka, the Central government has credited the 13th instalment into the bank accounts of 49.96 lakh farmers of the State under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme.

Minister felicitated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Revenue Minister R. Ashok was honoured by World Book of Records, London, for organising a programme of upgrading tandas, hattis, and palyas (human settlements or hamlets of the oppressed Banjara community) into revenue villages by distributing land rights documents to the dwellers at a public meeting on the outskirts of Malkhed in Kalaburagi district in January.

The State government distributed a record 52,072 land titles to the beneficiaries from 342 tandas in five districts of Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, and Vijayapura. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the programme.

On behalf of World Book of Records, Vasantha Kavitha K.C. Reddy, honoured Mr. Ashok.

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No: DGM-2/(BSWML)/Corr- 19/22-23 Date: 27.02.2023
CORRIGENDUM-1
Sub : Extension of Calendar of Events for Tender Notification.
Ref : This office Tender Notification No: DGM-2/BSWML/TEND/19/2022-23 Dated: 20.02.2023.
As per the above subject and reference, the calendar of events for the above tender notification is extended due to Administration and Technical reasons; The Change in the Calendar of Events will be updated through e-Procurement.
For Further details visit GOK e-Procurement Website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Electrical),
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No: EE(Ele)/MZ/TN-05/2022-23 Date: 27-02-2022
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer (Electrical), Mahadevapura Zone invites Item Rate Tenders from eligible Tenderers registered in BBMP/ CPWD/ KPWD/ Railways/ MES/ any State or Central Government Organizations for the works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing Electrical Installations Pathways of Lakes in Mahadevapura Zone. (2nd Call)	45.00	90,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) The RFP documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 28-02-2023 onwards. 2) Last Date for Submission of Tender Documents on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 07-03-2023. 3) Financial Bids will be Opened on 08-03-2023 at 16.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Mahadevapura Division. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Electrical),
Mahadevapura Zone, BBMP.

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு
கரூர் மாநகராட்சி
ந.க.எண்.எச்1/8176/2022 ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி அறிவிப்பு – (இரண்டு உறைகள் முறை) நாள். 24.02.2023
கரூர் மாநகராட்சி பகுதியில் வெளிக்கொணர்வு முகமை (Out Sourcing) மூலம் பணியாளர்கள் மற்றும் வாகனங்கள் வழங்குதல் பணி மேற்கொள்ள கரூர் மாநகராட்சி ஆணையாளர் மூலம் தகுதி வாய்ந்த ஒப்பந்ததாரர்களிடமிருந்து மின்னணு ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி வாயிலாக மட்டும் இரண்டு உறை முறையில் வரவேற்கப்படுகிறது.

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ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி முன்கலந்தாய்வு கூட்டம் நாள்.08.03.2023 காலை 11.00 மணி மாநகராட்சி அலுவலகம், கரூர். ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி விபர அட்டவணை மற்றும் நிபந்தனைகள் https://tntenders.gov.in என்ற இணையதளத்தில் 01.03.2023 முற்பகல் 10.00 மணி முதல் 24.03.2023 மாலை 3.00 மணி வரை பதிவிறக்கம் செய்து கொள்ளலாம். பூர்த்தி செய்யப்பட்ட ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி படிவங்கள் 24.03.2023 அன்று மாலை 3.00 மணி வரை ஆணையர் அவர்களால் இருஉறை அடங்கிய ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளிகள் இணையதள வாயிலாக மட்டும் பெற்றுக்கொள்ளப்படும். ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளிகளுக்கான முன் வைப்புத் தொகை பணி மதிப்பீட்டில் 1(ஒரு) சதவிகிதம் ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளியுடன் இணைத்து அனுப்ப வேண்டும். மின்னணு ஒப்பந்தத்திற்கு முன்வைப்புத் தொகையை வங்கி வரைவோலையாக தனி உறையில் வைத்து ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி பெட்டி மூடுவதற்கு முன்பாக ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி பெட்டியில் சமர்ப்பிக்க வேண்டும். மேலும் மாநகராட்சி ஆணையருக்கு எந்தவித ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளியையும் ஏற்கவோ மறுக்கவோ முழு அதிகாரம் உண்டு. ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி திறக்கப்படும் நாள் விடுமுறையாக அறிவிக்கும்பட்சத்தில் அடுத்த வேலை நாளில் அதே நேரம் ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி திறக்கப்படும். இதர விபரங்களுக்கு தொடர்பு கொள்ள வேண்டிய மின்னஞ்சல் முகவரி : commr.karur@gmail,com
செ.ம.தொ இ./1193/ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி/2023
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Tenders are invited by "The Dy.General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following items from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers, as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	Approx. Value (Rs. in Crores)	EMD in (Rs.)
1	Tender for outsourcing of pharmacy/medical stores at HGM hospital. HGML/SERVICE/176/2022-23	3.00	4,50,000/-

Calender of events: (1) Pre-bid meeting: 13.03.2023 for Sl.No.1 at 10.30 A.M. (2) Last date for receipt of tender: 27.03.2023 at 4.00 P.M. (3) Opening of Technical Bid on: 30.03.2023 at 10.00 A.M. For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in e-procurement portal.
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No: EEPWDGDG PB:5054 Head: 2022-23/7541 Date.24-02-2023
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The Executive Engineer, Public works department. Division,Gadag invites itemwise re-tender from eligible tenderers of 01 work of total amount of Rs. 300.00 Lakh (Min estimate amount: Rs. 300.00 Lakhs to Max Estimate Amount : 300.00 Lakhs) for the 5054-04-337-0-01-154 Head of account on behalf of the Hon'able Governor of Karnataka as per Standard Bid Document KW-4 through e-procurement. - http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/
(a) Last Date for Clarification upto : 02-03-2023, (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : 07-03-2023 (c) Opening of Technical Bid Date : 08-03-2023 (d) Opening of Financial Bid Date : 09-03-2023
Work Indent No : 150330- Call-2
The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. For further information contact the office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Gadag (08372-238782) during office hours.
GST shall be paid separately as per prevailing Government Order. The increase in GST shall not be paid in the extended period of contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time.
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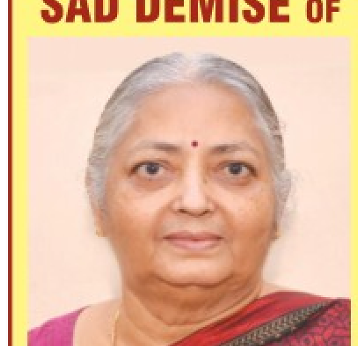
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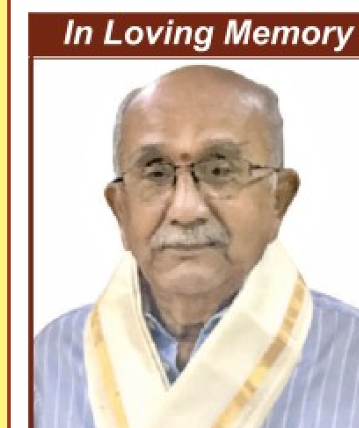
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Tearful farewell to PG medical student

She was declared dead five days after allegedly trying to end life

The Hindu Bureau
JANGAON/WARANGAL

Amid heavy police deployment, the last rites of Kakatiya Medical College PG first year student, Dharavath Preethi, who breathed her last on Sunday, were performed at her native place, Girni Thanda, in Jangaon, Telangana on Monday. She allegedly attempted suicide last Wednesday at the MGM Hospital in Warangal due to "targeted harassment" by a course senior.

Relatives, representatives of various tribal organisations and parties

Grief-stricken: Preethi's father Narendar at her funeral held in Girni Thanda on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

thronged the tribal hamlet to pay their last respects.

A tense situation prevailed as activists of various tribal organisations and the BJP cadre staged a sit-in, demanding exemplary punishment for the accused, Mohammad Saif, a second-year student of the MD anaesthesia course, who has been arrested. They demanded a judicial probe into Preethi's death. They demanded ₹1 crore ex gratia and a Group-I cadre government job for a member of the bereaved family.

"She wanted to become an anaesthetist to serve the needy and bring laurels to our tribal hamlet, but fell prey to the targeted harassment by Saif and apathy of the college authorities," said Preethi's inconsolable father, D. Narendar.

(Those who are in distress, can contact Roshni at: 040-66202000)

Surjewala's six questions to PM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress national general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala on Monday questioned the necessity of postponement of the first PU exams in view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Belagavi.

Mr. Surjewala, who posed six questions to Mr. Modi, sought an explanation on allegations of 40% corruption levelled by the Registered Private Schools Management Association in the State education and elementary department.RUPSA alleged that private school management officials were being asked by the Education Department to bribe block education officers and deputy director public instruction officials in different districts for reviewing the recognition of the school. "Instead of "Parikshape Charcha", when you will conduct discussion about education", the Congress leader asked the PM.

The BJP government had implemented 10% of the 600 promises it had made during the poll campaign in 2018. The 40% commission was rampant in all public works of the government. "Will you provide answers to the people of Karnataka on corruption complaints," Mr. Surjewala asked. The PM has been campaigning at the expense of the State exchequer, he alleged.

Referring to the alleged corruption in the recruitment in government jobs, the Congress leader said there are 2.5 lakh jobs in the government sector and seven lakh in the private sector in Karnataka. But the BJP has failed to provide jobs to the youth.

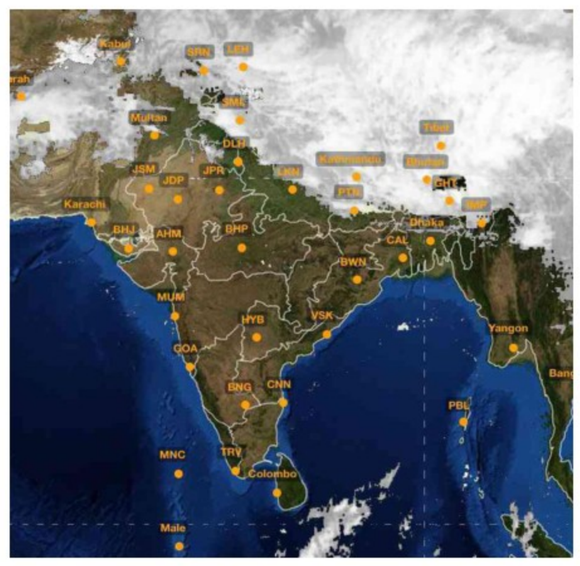
Mr. Surjewala also questioned Mr. Modi's silence on the closure of the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plan , a subsidiary of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), at Bhadravati.

As part of the BJP's efforts to keep its vote base among the arecanut growers intact, Home Minister Amit Shah promised establishment of an arecanut research centre in Shivamogga in 2018. But not a single paisa has been released so far to establish the research centre, the Congress alleged.

Mr. Surjewala also questioned the Prime Minister's silence on the alleged raking up of border issue with Karnataka by Maharashtra BJP leaders.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Thunderstorm with gusty wind (speed reaching 30-40 kmph) likely at isolated places over Punjab

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.3	16.0	Kozhikode	—	35.2	24.1
Ahmedabad	—	36.6	15.2	Kurnool	—	36.2	20.0
Aizawl	—	31.8	8.7	Lucknow	—	31.0	15.4
Allahabad	—	34.8	13.6	Madurai	—	35.2	19.1
Bengaluru	—	30.6	16.2	Mangaluru	—	36.4	22.3
Bhopal	—	—	18.0	Mumbai	—	34.8	20.0
Bhubaneswar	—	35.8	21.0	Mysuru	—	32.7	14.4
Chandigarh	—	31.2	13.5	New Delhi	—	32.3	14.1
Chennai	—	35.0	21.4	Patna	—	31.5	14.8
Coimbatore	—	32.4	18.4	Port Blair	—	30.8	26.4
Dehradun	—	28.2	12.0	Puducherry	—	34.8	19.6
Gangtok	3.9	15.9	8.0	Pune	—	35.5	16.2
Goa	—	35.4	20.8	Raipur	—	35.2	19.6
Guwahati	—	31.4	15.2	Ranchi	—	31.6	14.6
Hubballi	—	35.0	18.0	Shillong	—	19.9	10.0
Hyderabad	—	33.9	19.4	Shimla	—	16.9	8.8
Imphal	—	28.5	12.5	Srinagar	—	17.9	4.2
Jaipur	—	32.2	16.9	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.5	21.6
Kochi	—	31.8	24.6	Tiruchi	—	34.1	20.0
Kohima	—	—	—	Vijayawada	—	34.1	20.0
Kolkata	—	32.1	21.5	Visakhapatnam	—	31.8	21.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.24	..2	..—	...311	...277	
Bengaluru	...8	..91	.51	56	94	
Chennai	.23	..28	.43	...134	...100	
Delhi	.33	134	.46	...284	...293	
Hyderabad	...5	..48	.36	...142	...142	
Kolkata	...9	..33	.66	...122	...104	
Lucknow	.12	..33	.99	...258	...209	
Mumbai	.92	280	102	...317	...146	
Pune	..—	..40	.65	...141	...112	
Visakhapatnam	...8	..45	.23	...102	...125	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 377 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 35

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Worker dies in factory of Minister's son

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

A worker died in VIPN distillery factory in Konankeri village in Haveri district on February 25.

Naveen Basappa Chalavadi, 19, from Dundasi village, died of rapid blood loss after his hands were chopped off by a belt attached to a machine in the factory. Karnataka Labour Welfare Minister Shivaram Hebbar's son Vivek Hebbar owns the factory.

The victim's relatives told the police that he was working in unsafe conditions.

PM appeals to audience to switch on phone flashlights to show respect for Yediyurappa on his 80th birthday

The Hindu Bureau
SOGANE (SHIVAMOGGA)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday felicitated former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on turning 80, in Shivamogga and wished him a long and healthy life.

He appealed to the huge crowd to switch on the flashlights in their mobile phones as a mark of respect to the former CM. The people responded to his appeal enthusiastically.

Mr. Modi felicitated Mr. Yediyurappa with a green shawl and presented a replica of a plough to him in a symbolic gesture of the veteran leader taking up the cause of farmers.

The crowd at the programme attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Shivamogga on Monday. ANI

Mr. Yediyurappa said the inauguration of Shivamogga airport by Mr. Modi on his 80th birthday was an unforgettable occasion for him.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Yediyurappa said, "It is not just an airport, but a sign of many of the dreams of the people in Malnad region coming true." He thanked the people of Shikaripur who elected him to the State Assembly, and the people of Shivamogga who elected him to the Lok Sabha in 2014. "In the 55 years of my political career, I was in power only for seven years. I have done whatever was possible within this time," he said adding that he was ever indebted to people of Shivamogga district. He gave credit for completing the airport project to his son and Lok Sabha member B.Y. Raghavendra.

Referring to Jnanpeetha awardee poet Kuvempu's message of 'Universal Man', Mr. Yediyurappa referred to Mr. Modi as the true 'Universal Man', and described him as the one who believed in 'Vasudaiva Kutumbakam'.

Earlier, the organisers of the programme screened a documentary – Nijanayaka – on the life and achievements of Mr. Yediyurappa.

CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
(A Government of India undertaking)
Regional Office, Bangalore.
Ph:080-23598862, 23598864, 23598865

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (E NIT_RO/Engg -04T/22-23)

CWC invites online tender from the contractors for the following work:- **Renovation of CWC staff quarters at Nandini layout, Bangalore, Karnataka. Estimated Cost: Rs.59,41,163.13. Last date of submission of tender: 04.03.2023.**
Detailed Tender Notice along with Conditions of Contract and Notice Inviting E-Tender may be seen and downloaded from the CWC's website www.cewacor.nic.in or e-tender website www.cwceprocure.com or CPP Portal http://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app. Further Corrigendum/Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on above websites only Press advertisement in Newspapers shall not be issued for the same. **Sd/- HoE**

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-procurement mode only)
No.: CEE(TR)/BZ/SEE(O)AEE-4/24123 Dated: 24.02.2023
KPTCL invites bids against Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ /TK-246** for Construction of SC line on DC towers with Coyote ACSR Conductor from the existing 66/11KV Y.Hunasenahalli Sub-station to the existing 66/11KV Pallicherlu Sub-station for a length of **9.829Kms** along with Construction of 66KV Terminal Bay each at existing **66/11KV Y.Hunasenahalli Sub-station** and at **66/11KV Pallicherlu Sub-station** in Shidlaghatta Taluk, C.B.Pura District (providing LAs, Circuit Breaker and C&R Panel in existing idle 66KV line bay at 66/11kV Pallicherlu Sub-station) on Total Turnkey basis including Supply of all matching Materials/Equipments and Erection(including Civil Works) of all Materials/Equipments,Testing and Commissioning.
The Bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging into e-procurement website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **05.03.2023.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission Zone, KPTCL, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009.

Salem City Municipal Corporation
Invitation of Bids Selection of Service Provider/ Agency/ Contractor/ Company for Implementation of Solid Waste Management activities in Salem Corporation
ROC No. F1/18183/2022 Date:25.02.2023
E-Tender Notice
1. Invitation for bids **(Duel Cover System)** to Selection of Service Provider/ Agency / Contractor / Company for Implementation of Solid Waste Management activities in Salem Corporation for three years in Salem Corporation.
2. Bid document and other information available at **www.tntenders.gov.in www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in**
3. **Date, Time and Venue for Tender Procedures:**
Submission of bids : 24.03.2023 upto 3.00 P.M
Opening of bids : 24.03.2023 at 3.30 P.M
PreBid meeting : 08.03.2023 at 11.30 A.M
Venue: Salem Corporation, Navalar Nedunchezhiyan Road, Salem - 636 001.
Commissioner, Salem Corporation.
DIPR/1214/Tender/2023
"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்."

MYSURU CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Mysuru
TN No: MCC/EE-ELE/TN-19/2022-23 Date : 24.02.2023
Short Tender Notification
Through Karnataka E-Procurement Portal Only
Tenders are invited through E-Procurement portal for the works under General Fund-2022 grant as required from Executive Engineer (Electrical) of the Mysuru City Corporation. Detils are as follows:

Sl. No.	Description	Total Works	Tender Amount (INR)	Date of Publishing on E-Procurement Portal	Last Date for Submission of Bids	Tender/ Technical Bid opening Date
1	Executive Engineer (Electrical)	05	60.55	28.02.2023	07.03.2023	08.03.2023

Note: Any further changes / notifications will be published only through E-Procurement portal only and will not release any paper notification.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Electrical), Mysuru City Corporation, Mysuru
DIPR/Mysore/Shirdi Sai/1093/2022-23

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.
Invitation for Short-Term Re-Tender (I.F.T.) No.: 52-1/2022-23 Date: 21.02.2023
(For Road, Bridge and Building Works – As per Standard Bidding Document K.W. –1 in Single Cover and 3 in Two Cover system)
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in single cover and two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD for works. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders **from 22.02.2023 to 02.03.2023 up to 4.00 pm.**
(1) Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **27.02.2023 (at 3.00 pm during office hours).** (2) Last date for submission of filled tenders: **02.03.2023 (up to 4.00 pm).** (3) Date of opening Technical Bid: **04.03.2023(up to 4.30 pm).** (4) Financial Bid will be opened after the approval of Technical Bid. For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.
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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Through e-procurment portal only)
BWSSB invites Tenders from eligible contractors for the following work
Office of the Chief Engineer (D&QA), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-09.

Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & Time for submission of tender	Date & Time for opening of tender
Quality Assurance	BWSSB/EQATE/PB/1205/2022-23 Dt: 20/02/2023	Rs.54,46,974/- / Rs.1,09,000/-	07-03-2023 upto 5.30 p.m.	09-03-2023 at 12.00 Noon

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Quality Assurance)
DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO4969/22-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/TWM/SMG/EE(O)/AEEE-2/2022-23/F-Tender/8916-921 Dt:24.02.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-procurement Mode only)
K.P.T.C.L. invites tenders through e-procurement mode from the reputed Electrical Contractors possessing Super Grade Electrical Contractor License having PF registration for the work of **Replacement of 1x10MVA, 110/11KV Power Transformer by 1x20MVA, 110/11KV Power Transformer at 110/11KV sub-station, Kittadahalli in Shikaripura Taluk, Shivamogga District Work Code: CD1086(CALL-4).**
For detailed Information and to participate in the tender through e-procurement mode please visit our website **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** hyperlink **"e-procurement"** or directly you can access the tendering website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or **after 11.00 AM** on **28.02.2023**. Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Elecl)., Transmission(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, ´Prasarana Bhavan, MRS Colony, Shivamogga-577 203. TeleFax: 08182-272624

KIDWAI MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF ONCOLOGY
(Government of Karnataka Autonomous Institution)
Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bangalore - 560029.
Phone: 91-80-26560722 / 26560723 / 66697999 E-mail: kidwai@nic.in
No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CMC-AC/366/2022-23 Dated: 27.02.2023
SHORT TERM e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION
Online Tenders are invited in **TWO Bid** System for the supply of following through GOK e-Procurement.

Sl. No.	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Items for KMIO, VTSM PCC Kalaburgi & KCDF
1.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CMC AC/366/2022-23 Date: 24-02-2023.	Providing CMC services for Air conditioning units, Air handling Units(AHU,s)24x7 at various units (Including BMT)
2.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CMC Lifts/367/2022-23 Date: 24-02-2023.	Providing CMC services (24x7) for Lifts installed at various Block.
3.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CMC Oxygen Pipe line/369/2022-23, Date: 24-02-2023	Providing Repairs and CMC services for Medical Oxygen Pipe Line system (24x7) in Various Zones.
4.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/AMC PC/374/2022-23 Date: 24-02-2023.	Annual Maintenance Contact service of Computers, Printers, Xerox Machine & Scanners.
5.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/AMC Fire Fighting/375/2022-23 Date: 24-02-2023	Providing AMC services for Fire Fighting system at KMIO

The Bid Document will be available in online from **05.03.2023 to 20.03.2023.** Bidders can view and download the Bid Document from the Website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Bids have to be submitted through e-Procurement Portal and **Rs. 500.00** as e-procurement Portal fees The last date and time of Receipt of Bid through e-Procurement Portal is **20.03.2023 at 3:00 p.m.** Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereof. **Sd/- Director**
DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO4959/22-23

IN THE COURT OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT JUDGE OF ERODE
(To deal with MCOP Cases)
M.C.O.P.No. 144/2021
Tmt. Indhirani and another ..Petitioners
Vs
1)Saiyadu Rafeek, S/o.Sayadu Basheer, No.215, Pellathuru Colony, Bengaluru-560 067 Karnataka State
2)Shahina Begaum, W/o.Saleem, Patalamma Layout, Kadugodi, Bangalore-560 067.
..Respondents 4 and 5
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENTS 4 AND 5
Take notice that the petitioners have filed the above claim petition before Special District Judge Court, Erode (To deal with MCOP Cases) claiming compensation for the death of one Manikandan in a motor accident occurred on 13.11.2020.
The above said case is posted to **28.03.2023** for your appearance. Hence, both you should appear before the above Hon'ble Court on **28.03.2023** at 10.00 a.m either in person or through advocate, failing which the matter shall be heard in your absence and ex-parte on merits.
//By order of Court//
S.Senthilkumar, B.A.,B.L., Advocate, D.230 Sampath Nagar, Erode-638011,Tamilnadu

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.
Invitation for Short-Term Re-Tender (I.F.T.) No.: 54-1/2022-23 Date: 21.02.2023(2nd Call)
(For Building Works – As per Standard Bidding Document K.W. –4 in Two Cover system)
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD for works. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders **from 21.02.2023 to 02.03.2023 up to 4.00 pm.**
(1) Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **27.02.2023 (at 3.00 pm during office hours).** (2) Last date for submission of filled tenders: **02.03.2023 (up to 4.00 pm).** (3) Date of opening Technical Bid: **04.03.2023(up to 4.30 pm).** (4) Financial Bid will be opened after the approval of Technical Bid. For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Zilla Panchayath, Ballari.
Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari.
No.: EE/RDWS&SD/B/JE-1/JJM/Tender.Nofi/2022-23/2321 Dated: 23.02.2023
E-tender Notification (KTTP Act 2000)
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari hereby calls the e-tender for execution of FHTC (Retrofitting) work at Ballari, Sandur, Siruguppa & Kampli Taluk in JJM Head, through e-procurement for bidders who are Registered by Public work department. The information regarding tenders will be made available in **(www. eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** website & Tender document download date **27/02/2023**, The last date to receive the tender from eligible bidders is at 4.00pm on **07/03/2023** Date of opening of Technical Bid is at 5.00 pm on **08/03/2023** and Pre-bid meeting is held at Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ballari, Above SBI Bank, Sudha Cross, Cantonment on **03/03/2023** at 11.00 am For further more information contact above said Office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW & S Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/961/KSMCA/2022-23

Subaltern, secular

The Congress will have to build a campaign aligned to its new vision

The 85th plenary session of the Congress that concluded in Raipur in Chhattisgarh outlined a strategy for the 2024 Lok Sabha election, besides reinforcing Mallikarjun Kharge's authority as elected president of the party. Apart from a clear expression of its willingness to work with like-minded secular parties, the Congress has resolved to pursue a sharp social justice agenda, a paradigm shift for a party. While the party has always had a welfare agenda, it failed to accommodate the political aspirations of the subalterns who increasingly found other parties more suitable. The party adapted a separate resolution on social justice, and promised a dedicated ministry for the empowerment of the Other Backward Classes (OBC), creation of a National Council for Social Justice, publication of an annual "State of Social Justice" report on the lines of the national Economic Survey, reservation in higher judiciary for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and OBCs and a Rohit Vemula Act for students of disadvantaged sections if elected to power. Having lost out to regional parties in the post-Mandal era, the party is now aiming to woo the subalterns to its fold. So, as a start, it amended its own constitution to reserve half of the seats to the Congress Working Committee for SCs, STs, OBCs, women and minorities. The party's pious declarations at the Udaipur Chintan Shivir last year were almost immediately abandoned, and it will be watched for its adherence to the Raipur resolutions in the coming months.

The party has promised "Sampoorna Samajik Suraksha", a social security framework that will have legal guarantees for minimum income and social security for the poor. It also promises a universal basket of entitlements to all Indians, namely right to basic income through Nyuntam Aay Yojana (Nyay), right to health, pensions for single women, the elderly and persons with disabilities, a comprehensive Integrated Child Development Scheme in line with the National Food Security Act, and quality elementary schooling and maternity entitlements. A new welfare framework is being debated all over the world to mitigate growing inequities and other challenges such as unemployment and underemployment, and the Congress's ideas should spur a fresh, informed debate in India. Though the party had banked on NYAY or a universal income scheme before the 2019 general election, it did not gain any electoral dividends. The party now hopes that the promise of a better future with assured income, which also accounts for social identity, could counter the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s Hindutva plus. By acknowledging the fact that inequality is not merely material, and discrimination is not only along religious lines, the Congress has taken the debate beyond the secular-communal binary that has worked to the BJP's advantage in recent years. For this strategy to be successful, the Congress will have to build a robust political campaign aligned to its new thinking, breaking away from its characteristic timidity.

Favourites on top

Australia won the T20 World Cup as expected, but not without hiccups

Australia's victory at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, which concluded at Cape Town on Sunday, was expected: even in a sport rightly celebrated for its glorious uncertainties, a win for the Australian women's cricket team is almost a certainty. It was Australia's sixth victory in what was the eighth edition of the tournament. Australia has also been the champion in seven out of the 12 Women's Cricket (ODI) World Cups. In Tests too – regrettably, there are very few of them for women these days – Australia has the best percentage of wins among all the teams. The Aussies had arrived in South Africa for the World Cup with a remarkable record in the T20 format. In three years, they had lost only once, that too in the Super Over to India at Navi Mumbai in December. It was India that ended an even more spectacular run by Australia: 26 ODI wins. And that victory in 2021 had come in Australia's own backyard. The Indian women had an excellent opportunity to stop their formidable rival's run at the World Cup in South Africa, too. In the semifinal, they were well placed in their chase of a challenging target until Harmanpreet Kaur was run out after her bat got stuck.

The other semifinal, however, saw a major upset, with the host defeating England. There had already been excellent crowds for the tournament, but South Africa's presence in the final ensured a full house at the Newlands Cricket Ground. The South African women may have stumbled on the final hurdle, but their campaign was probably the real story of the World Cup. They had entered the tournament amid a controversy: the captain, Dane van Niekerk, had been dropped on fitness grounds (she failed to reach the two-kilometre running benchmark by 18 seconds). And they were stunned by Sri Lanka in the opening match. But, under the captaincy of Sune Luus, they bounced back admirably and went on to become the first South African team, male or female, to enter a cricket World Cup final. It should be a major impetus to the women's sport, not just cricket, in South Africa, a country that paid a heavy price for its apartheid policy. It may be pertinent to note that Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first Black President, had successfully used sport – the 1995 Rugby World Cup, which South Africa hosted and won – to unite a divided nation.

Making a name, with onomastics

Shashi Tharoor

is a third-term elected Member of Parliament (Congress party) for Thiruvananthapuram, and the prize-winning author of 24 books, including 'Pride, Prejudice and Punditry: the Essential Shashi Tharoor'

A light-hearted look at the study of the history and origin of proper names, especially personal names

During the 21st anniversary of the Gujarat riots, a diligent reader wrote to ask whether it was mere coincidence that the fictional District Magistrate in my novel, *Riot*, who deals with a riot stirred up by the Ram Janmabhoomi agitation, is named Lakshman. No, I replied, the choice of name, with its obvious mythological resonance, was quite deliberate, as was the fact that Lakshman's daughter is called Rekha, since her existence delimits his freedom of choice. And, while we are in the confessional, let us admit as well that it is not just happenstance that the American girl who comes to do good in India bears the surname of Hart.

In Hollywood

The author who chooses a character's name carelessly – by opening two pages of a telephone book and randomly combining the results, as one writer claimed to do – does himself and his readers a disservice. The movie world has long understood the aura of names. Hollywood stars have been changing their names for decades – the macho cowboy John Wayne was born Marion Michael Morrison, a prissy moniker that would have sat ill on a saddle, and the sultry Marilyn Monroe was legally baptised with the far too homely name of Norma Jean Mortenson. Later, Bernie Schwartz took on the more glamorous screen name Tony Curtis, for reasons well understood by Woody Allen (born Allen Konigsberg), Dean Martin (Dino Crocetti), Fred Astaire (Frederick Austerlitz) and Cary Grant (Archibald Leach). Could Boris Karloff have been half as sinister as William Henry Pratt, the name he was born with? Or Jerry Lewis as amiably silly if he had stayed Joseph Levitch? Or Ava Gardner as glamorously alluring as mere Lucy Johnson?

For people's names have associations of their own that cannot be wished away, a fact of which film producers are keenly aware. Legendary Hollywood mogul David O. Selznick was born without a middle name but added the middle initial O for effect – "as in GOD", he said modestly. Ray Kroc, who bought McDonald's, wisely realised he would sell more Big Macs than Big Krocs, and so adopted the name whose famous golden arches (from the letter M, absent in Ray's own name) have overseen the world's best-selling burgers for decades.

Many novelists have been just as aware of the power of the naming process. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, for instance, first wrote a story about a keen-eyed detective named Sherrinford Holmes and his doughty friend Dr Ormond Sacker, before realising that the names he had chosen "gave no inkling of character". It took some experimentation before Conan Doyle settled upon the sharp-edged "Sherlock" to replace the fussy "Sherrinford", and decided that "elementary, my dear Watson" sounded far more solid and convincing than "elementary, my dear Sacker".

Shakespeare always had a keen ear for the connotations of the names he gave his characters; he wanted them to convey some of the qualities the actors' abilities alone might not have done. (Think of "Shylock" and "Malvolio," "Iago" and "Sir Toby Belch"). Charles Dickens elevated the practice of naming to an art, with characters like the unctuous Uriah Heep, the martinet Gradgrind, the booming rascal Bounderby, the naive Martin Chuzzlewit and the crooked Squeers. His place names were just as cleverly chosen: the horrendous boarding school in "Nicholas Nickleby" is called "Dotheboys Hall" – if you do not get it, say the name aloud, pausing after the second and fifth letters).

And in India

The art is also a science these days, since the study of the significance of proper nouns has grown in importance and respectability in recent years, becoming a subject in itself, known as onomastics. I am all in favour of this new academic endeavour, especially given Yogi Adityanath's recent efforts in the field. The desire to replace any and all names that reek of association with the Muslim past have converted Allahabad to Prayagraj and Mughalsarai to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction.

The central government, not to be outdone, has renamed the Mughal Gardens Amrit Udyan, though the flowers do not smell any different. If the Bharatiya Janata Party has its way, Ahmedabad might soon have to be rebaptised Karnavati, and Mr. Adityanath says Hyderabad ought to be Bhagyanagar. Prime Minister Narendra Modi even asked why the Gandhis did not use Indiraji's father's surname instead. If she and her descendants had remained Nehru instead of Gandhi, might India's political history have been different?

The question is a frivolous one. But then Indians are often exceptions to all the western assumptions about the impact of names, whether on voters, readers or movie audiences. After all, while conventional wisdom says names should be easy to pronounce and remember, unpronounceability has rarely been a bar to political success in our country, especially since what is a simple enough name in one part of India is a tongue-twister in another: just ask a random selection of U.P.ites to repeat the name of the late Dravidian stalwart Nedunchezhian! Next, pick 10 South Indians and get them to say "Jawaharlal" – at least nine out of 10 will fail to elongate the second of the four "a"s. (And in reverse, most North Indians struggle to pronounce the name of my constituency, Thiruvananthapuram). On the Indian literary firmament, the gifted Arundhati Roy managed to make a bestseller out of characters named Esthappen and Rahel, names few of her readers have encountered before or since, and quite devoid of Dickensian associations in most people's minds. So much for the painstaking lessons of Conan Doyle or Shakespeare.

And as for the Indian movie world, some actors did adopt new labels of convenience, but it may be best not to read too much into whether Dilip Kumar would have enjoyed a different sort of career as Yusuf Khan, the name he abandoned as he made his way in Bollywood. It is difficult to make the case that a Hindu name was necessary for a romantic hero to appeal to the majority audience. Certainly a series of unrelated Khans – Feroz, Amjad, Shah Rukh, Salman, Saif Ali and Aamir – have not felt the need to reinvent themselves (and one who did, "Sanjay", added the surname "Khan" later in his career to create one of filmdom's more secular screen credits). And let us not forget that the highly successful Muslim actresses Waheeda Rehman, Nargis, Saira Banu and Mumtaz, not to mention the more recent Zeenat Aman, Parveen Babi, Shabana Azmi and Tabu, have proved repeatedly that Indian cinegoers look at actors' faces, not their faiths.

So it will be a while before we start issuing Bharatiya degrees in onomastics. Still, in a land where a Shiv Sena ideologue called himself Thackeray, a DMK Chief Minister is proud to answer to the moniker of Stalin, a rising politician took the name of his profession and called himself Pilot, and a Minister, the late Murasoli Maran, proudly bore a first name that was the title of the magazine he used to edit, any aspiring *desi* onomast might first need a PhD in Indian politics. And even then he will be unable to explain the foresight of a Gujarati parent named Modi naming his son Narendra, so that the first syllables of each amount to a sacred Hindu invocation. Om Namo Name-aha?!

Unpacking the new set of e-waste rules

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Under the new rules, the informal sector, which plays a crucial role in e-waste handling, draws no recognition

The burgeoning problem of managing e-waste is a cross cutting and persisting challenge in an era of rapid urbanisation, digitalisation and population growth. The first set of e-waste Rules was notified in 2011 and came into effect in 2012. An important component of the Rules (2011) was the introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). Under EPR compliance, 'producers' are responsible for the safe disposal of electronic and electric products once the consumer discards them. E-waste rules 2016, which were amended in 2018, were comprehensive and included provisions to promote 'authorisation' and 'product stewardship'. Other categories of stakeholders such 'Producer Responsibility Organisations (PRO) were also introduced in these rules.

In November 2022, the Ministry of Environment and Forests further notified a new set of e-waste rules, which will come into force from April 1, 2023. These rules address some of the critical issues but are silent on others. The first main chapter of the E-Waste (Management) Rules 2022 includes the provision of an EPR framework, the foremost requirement being the 'Registration of Stakeholders' (manufacturer, producer, refurbisher and recycler). The earlier rules placed importance on seeking authorisation by stakeholders, but a weak monitoring system and a lack of transparency resulted in inadequacy in compliance. Most of the 'refurbishers' or the 'repair shops' operating in Delhi are not authorised under the Central Pollution Control Board of India.

Further, many formal recyclers undertake activities only up to the pre-processing or segregation stage, and thereafter channelise e-waste to the informal sector, which is a pure violation of law. A 'digitalized systems approach', introduced in the new rules (2022), may now address these challenges. Standardising the e-waste value chain through a common digital 'portal' may ensure transparency and is crucial to reduce the frequency of 'paper trading' or 'false trail', i.e., a practice of falsely revealing 100% collection on paper while collecting and/or weighing 'scrap' to meet targets.

Myopic with the informal sector left out

Two important stages of 'efficient' e-waste recycling are 'component recovery' (adequate and efficient recoveries of rare earth metals in order to reduce dependence on virgin resources) and 'residual disposal' (safe disposal of the leftover 'residual' during e-waste recycling). The rules briefly touch upon the two aspects, but do not clearly state the requirement for ensuring the 'recovery tangent'. Therefore, in order to ensure maximum efficiency, the activities of the recyclers must be recorded in the system and the authorities should periodically trace the quantity of e-waste that went for recycling *vis-à-vis* the 'recovery' towards the end.

Further, the new notification does away with PRO and dismantlers and vests all the responsibility of recycling with authorised recyclers; they will have to collect a quantity of waste, recycle them and generate digital certificates through the portal. This move seems to be a bit myopic and can cause initial turbulence, where the informal channels may try and seek benefits from. PROs acted as an intermediary between producers and formal recyclers by bidding for contracts from producers and arranging for 'certified and authorised' recycling. Fresh challenges might emerge as companies are no longer required to engage with PROs and dismantlers, who partially ensured 'double verification' in terms of quantity and quality of recycling.

The informal sector, which plays a crucial role in e-waste handling, draws no recognition in the new rules which could be on account of its 'illegality'. The informal sector is the 'face' of e-waste disposal in India as 95% of e-waste is channelised to the sector. Therefore, they also hold immense potential to improve the state of e-waste management. In the hierarchical process of e-waste collection, segregation and recycling in the informal sector, it is the last stage that poses a major concern where e-waste is handed over to the informal dismantlers/recyclers. The rest of the stages (collection of mixed waste, segregation of e-waste, clustered accumulation of e-waste according to their type) do not involve any hazardous practices and should in fact be strategically utilised for better collection of e-waste. For instance, 'Karo Sambhav', a Delhi-based PRO, has integrated informal aggregators in its collection mechanism. Through this initiative, e-waste is entered in a safe and structured system and the informal sector also has an advantage in terms of financial and legal security.

The consumer knows little

Many producers in Delhi have still not set up collection centres and some brands have labelled their head office (located on the outskirts of Delhi) as the 'only' collection point. Similarly, formal companies, low in number and clustered in the metropolises, also fail to provide doorstep collection to consumers when the quantum of e-waste is not enough to meet their overhead expenses or transport. On the other hand, consumers lack awareness and information about the existence of any such services.

In order to ensure the efficient implementation of the law, stakeholders must have the right information and intent to safely dispose of e-waste. There is a need for simultaneous and consistent efforts towards increasing consumer awareness, strengthening reverse logistics, building capacity of stakeholders, improving existing infrastructure, enhancing product designing, rationalising input control (by defining 'rare earth elements' as 'critical raw materials'), and adopting green procurement practices. This should be supplemented by establishing a robust collection and recycling system on the ground, making it responsive to meet legislative requirements.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ending scavenging

It is fitting that the Supreme Court of India has asked the Centre about what it has done to implement the Court's nearly 10-year-old judgment to end manual scavenging and sewer deaths (Inside pages, February 27).

A government that is often prone to blowing its own trumpet on its achievements since its assumption of power in 2014 has a lot to answer for.

C.G. Kuriakose,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

'A precious strand'

The observation by the former West Bengal Governor, Gopalkrishna Gandhi, in his speech in Chennai ("Christianity has had a gentle influence on Indian civilisation: Gopalkrishna Gandhi", February 27), brings deep relief at a time when concerted attacks are being mounted on the minorities by those who wield power and influence. Through health and education, the community has rendered yeoman service. Allurement and forced conversions were not on the minds of those who wanted to serve fellow humans. Nevertheless, there have been people who were converted responding to the principles of equality and dignity. I have spent 40 years investing in the lives of young and old — counselling, and educating or finding employment for scores of men and women focusing on holistic development. In that sense, we are engaged in nation building. On occasions, I have been asked if our service motive was to convert people. It hurts when genuine efforts are viewed with suspicion. In India, as diversified as it can be, we can learn from each other and mutually respect different communities.

S. Joshua Dhanabalan,
Chennai

State of Chennai's roads

Someone who matters the most in the State administration is reported to have said that Chennai's roads will be relaid soon. I would request the person to travel across the city. It is unspeakable agony, felt the most by commuters who use smaller vehicles.

K. Pradeep,
Chennai

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister is supposed to have taken a dig at the Union Transport Minister recently by saying that he had to travel by train because of the poor condition of NH-4 on the stretch between Chennai and Ranipet. The Chief Minister was lucky as he had an alternative mode of transport. What about Chennaiites who have no option but to use damaged city roads every day? We commute in constant fear of when the Corporation would 'ditch' us.

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Chennai

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We need to democratically reimagine science

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Notwithstanding the origins of India's National Science Day, which is to commemorate the discovery of the Raman effect, instead of speaking about pre-eminent scientists and Nobel Prizes, it may be worthwhile to consider the absence of serious training in critiquing science.

Last week, an article in a mainstream publication claimed that the 'shivling' was proof that sages in ancient India knew of the existence of protons and electrons and that their knowledge had been forgotten because they didn't use the same words that western scholars did. Claims such as this have heightened our awareness of, and scepticism towards, attempts to rationalise the validity of knowledge organised in some non-science system according to the tenets of science.

Two extremes

But in the resulting eagerness to steer clear of this pseudoscientific blather, many have swung to the other extreme, championing scientism – the purported superiority of science and scientific knowledge – to the exclusion of other equally legitimate experiences of reality.

The adherents of these two extremes may claim to be far apart but they are still united by their inability to imagine other, better alternatives to a world in which science and non-science can only be at war – such as, for example, a world in which we make sense of reality by drawing on science, the humanities and social sciences (HSS), and lived experience at once. Even today, keeping up the virtue in some circles of reaching for science's take the moment anything vaguely unscientific appears on one's Twitter feed often risks discarding more empowering alternatives.

For example, in 2020, Trisha Greenhalgh noted how waiting for evidence that scientific studies couldn't provide could slow our response to COVID-19 in some contexts. This was an example of what "happens when we proffer science as a totalising system that has the superpower to transform all ignorance, all evil, and all regression," as Gita Chadha and Renny Thomas wrote in 2022.

In the words of Wilfrid Sellars, our pursuit of the 'scientific image' of the world (what science tells us the world is) is endangering the 'manifest image' (the world as it appears). Yet we have also come to realise that the two aren't mutually exclusive.

For example, we know that science has an androcentrism problem. Feminist philosophers have noted that the exclusion of non-cis-men through history has privileged some learning ecologies over others, shaped the way scientists decide which questions to ask about the world, and how scientific achievement is defined and rewarded. As a result, today, amid other contests over other freedoms, the community 'allowed' to answer the question "What is science?" has been shrinking to admit only professional scientists, political leaders, and maybe journalists. These are all important stakeholders, but they're not the only ones with skin in the game.

We must welcome to the table more HSS scholars who can take a critical yet informed view of science from the outside in; more people who have evolved their own ways to produce and organise knowledge based on observation and experience, including Indigenous peoples; and more people who have suffered the state's bumbling efforts to 'apply' science towards economic growth at the expense of human rights.

> Who is 'allowed' to imagine what science in India is determines the role science will be 'allowed' to play in India's growth story

Amenable to change

There is more about science that is amenable to change than we would like to believe. Science's usefulness arises from the application of critical methods to produce knowledge. But all the activities and events that follow once such knowledge has been produced are not necessarily scientific. Biologist Mukund Thattai wrote in a 2018 essay that India has room, for example, to fund science as a cultural activity, to have "a science curriculum based not on dry facts but on the history and process of discovery," which "can form the base of a broad education, in conjunction with the humanities and the arts."

Getting from where we are today to this state is an obviously long journey. We need a cultural shift in which, for instance, a radar-based coastal weather forecast isn't considered to be rationally superior to a veteran fisherman's prediction based on reading familiar natural signs. We will need better science literacy that isn't founded on the idea that the 'scientific image' is inherently more desirable. We need to systematically examine our fixation on, and often misinterpretation of, 'scientific temper'. Most of all, for a democratic (re)imagination of science, there should be systematic criticism of science.

As practical first steps, we need to include HSS studies as part of science education in schools, colleges and universities, and where this faculty already exists, it should be integrated into the core curriculum instead of letting it operate on the sidelines.

Currently, in many HSS departments at the institutes that have them, scholars of English literature are hired to impart better language skills. Many students don't develop the ability to critique science itself as a result. Instead, these institutes should incorporate disciplines such as history of science and science and technology studies, with students critically engaging with the practice of science itself.

That science holds a special place in the idea of India is a matter of pride. But far from this vague ideal, down in the weeds of daily life, science is becoming increasingly stretched between two extremes - pseudoscience and scientism - with too few imagining better alternatives for all of us.

AAP on the defensive

A party born out of an anti-corruption movement is struggling to handle graft charges

STATE OF PLAY

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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) rode to power in Delhi and Punjab on an anti-corruption plank. Today, with its leaders embroiled in corruption cases, the party appears to be on the defensive on the issue.

The AAP won the Delhi Assembly polls in 2015 and then in 2020. After its emphatic win in the 2022 Assembly elections in Punjab, the AAP insisted that it has a zero-tolerance policy towards corruption. To indicate this, in March last year, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann launched an anti-corruption helpline number and urged the people to share their corruption-related complaints. This generated an appreciable response.

But soon after, the party's woes began to pile up. Cabinet Minister Satyendar Jain was arrested in July in Delhi by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a money laundering case; he is now lodged in prison.

On February 23 this year, AAP legislator Amit Rattan Kotfatta from Punjab's Bathinda (Rural) Assembly segment was arrested by Vigilance Bureau in an alleged bribery case, days after his alleged close aide Rashim Garg was arrested in the same case. Mr. Garg was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of ₹4 lakh.

A few days later, the party found itself once again in the eye of the storm when Deputy Chief Minister in the Delhi government Manish Sisodia was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation in an alleged liquor scam.

The AAP government is set to complete one year in Punjab, but State politics is on the boil. All the key Opposition parties – the Congress, Shiromani Akali Dal and the Bharatiya Janata Party – have been cornering the incumbent government on its alleged failure to take stern action against its party members facing corruption charges. All of them have accused the AAP of shielding its members by taking 'cosmetic' action and nothing more.

The AAP, however, has been boasting that it is the only party that has been taking 'action' against those faced with corruption cases, including its own leaders. After the arrest of Amit Rattan Kotfatta, Mr. Mann asserted that the party believes that the "law is equal for all and the government has a zero-tolerance policy on graft."

In the dock

Two instances have particularly put the party in the dock. In May last year, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann dismissed Dr. Vijay Singla, who was the Health Minister, from his Cabinet for allegedly seeking "one per cent cut in tender allotment and purchase of goods related to the department". Dr. Singla was later arrested by the Punjab Police under the Prevention of Corruption Act, and remanded to judicial custody for three days. The Chief Minister publicly stated that Dr. Singla had admitted to his crime and asked the police to register a case against him. Dr. Singla was sent to jail. Later, he was granted bail by the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Curiously, however, Dr. Singla was not expelled from the party.

Similarly, this year, Fauja Singh Sarari, the then Food Processing and Horticulture Minister in the AAP government, who was embroiled in an 'audio clip' controversy, quit from the Cabinet. Interestingly, the party asserted that Mr. Sarari had quit the post on account of "personal reasons." By accepting Mr. Sarari's resignation, the AAP seemed to have found a way to extricate itself from a tricky situation. There was no independent probe into the controversy.

The party also did not exactly cover itself in glory by inducting Dr. Balbir Singh into the Cabinet and giving him charge of the Health and Family Welfare Department. Last year, Dr. Balbir was sentenced to three-year rigorous imprisonment in an assault case filed by his sister-in-law. The court granted him and others bail. The AAP's decision once again stood uneasy with its claim of being different from legacy parties.

The AAP nurtures grand ambitions of expanding its presence across the country. It continues to use its 'zero tolerance' policy towards corruption as a ploy to gain support outside Punjab in other States. But for a party that was born out of an anti-corruption movement, its handling of a slew of corruption cases has been less than satisfactory and could only lead to more questions from the Opposition. Such developments could even bring about a change of perception about the party, which the AAP cannot afford.

Relatively few tobacco users in the southern States

The share of smokers is declining in India, but smokeless tobacco consumption continues unabated

DATA POINT

Navneeta Nandan & Vignesh Radhakrishnan

In the north-eastern States of India, consumption of tobacco among men – in both smokable and chewable forms – was higher than the rest of India in 2019-21. If only the smokable forms were considered, the share was higher in the northern States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, J&K U.T. and the eastern State of West Bengal. If only the chewable forms were considered, the share was higher in the east – Jharkhand, Bihar and Odisha – and in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

In the southern States, the share was relatively low with regard to both forms of tobacco consumption. However, among those who smoked, the share of those who consumed more than five sticks a day was much higher in many southern States. So, while smokers were fewer in the south, those who smoked did so heavily.

Map 1 shows the percentage of all men aged 15-49 who smoked cigarettes and/or bidis and/or cigars and/or pipe and/or hookah in 2019-21. The share should be read with caution as those who smoked cigarettes could also be bidi smokers, which means they were counted twice. The share was much higher among some northern and all north-eastern States except Assam. While the share of smokers was low in the south, it was even lower in the western States of Gujarat and Maharashtra.

If only cigarette smokers were considered, Mizoram (62.4% smoke cigarettes), Meghalaya (49.6%), Manipur (36.2%) and Arunachal Pradesh (31.7%) were the top four. In West Bengal, 24.3% smoked bidis, the highest share in India. In Haryana 9.9% smoked hookah, the highest share by a high margin.

Map 2 shows the percentage of all men aged 15-49 who chewed gutka with tobacco and/or paan masala with tobacco and/or paan with tobacco and/or khaini and/or other forms of tobacco in 2019-21. The share was much higher in the north-eastern, eastern, and some central, western and northern States. All the southern States and some northern States have a relatively low share.

The usage of khaini was over 35% in Bihar and Jharkhand. These two States led by a wide margin. In Gujarat, over 33% men chewed gutka/paan masala with tobacco, the second highest share, followed by Odisha (31%), M.P. (29.6%) and U.P. (27.6%).

Map 3 shows the share of male smokers who smoked more than five sticks a day in 2019-21 in India. The share in all the southern States, some northern States and some north-eastern States was higher than the rest of India.

Overall, in India, the share of cigarette/bidi smokers was coming down. Compared to 2005-06, the share of smokers came down by over 10% points in 2019-21 (**Table 4).** Also, the rural-urban gap became negligible by 2019-21. However, among those who chewed tobacco, there was no change among rural users whereas among urban users there was a decline, although to a smaller extent compared to the drop in smokers.

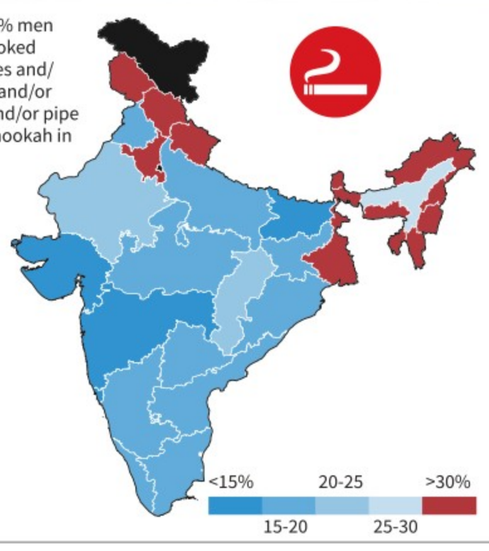
Also, among smokers, the share of those who smoked more than nine sticks a day reduced significantly and those who smoked less than five has increased (**Chart 5**).

According to health economist Rijo M. John, the reduction in cigarette smoking may be attributed to the increase in the prices of the commodity over time. On the other hand, the prices of bidis and other chewable forms have not increased much, and so consumption too has not reduced much. "Worryingly, after GST implementation, cigarette prices have not increased much. In future surveys, we may see an increasing trend in smoking," he said.

Smoke signals

The conclusions are based on National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21), NFHS-4 (2015-16) and NFHS-3 (2005-06). Only male smokers were considered as the share of women smokers was negligible across most States

Map 1 | % men who smoked cigarettes and/or bidis and/or cigars and/or pipe and/or hookah in 2019-21



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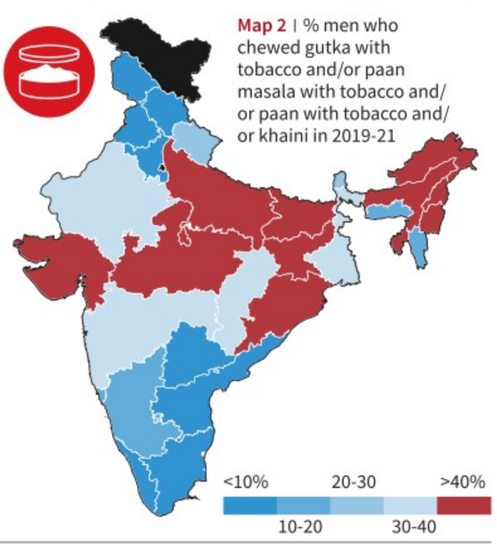

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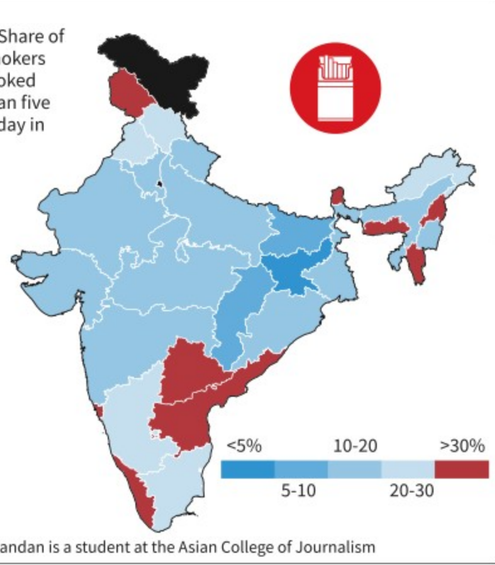
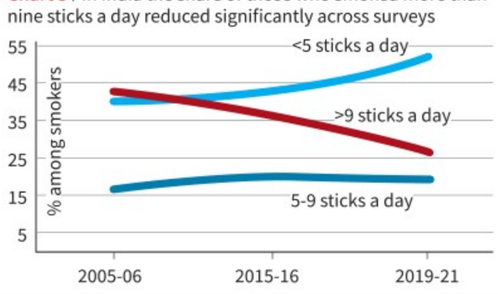


Table 4 | The table shows the % share of people who smoked and chewed tobacco across surveys

	Smoked tobacco (%)			Chewed tobacco (%)		
Year	Urban	Rural	All	Urban	Rural	All
2005-06	28.7	35	32.7	31.1	39.6	36.5
2015-16	25.1	27.8	26.8	27.1	40.2	35.2
2019-21	19.1	20.8	20.2	23.5	38.2	33.1

Chart 5 | In India the share of those who smoked more than nine sticks a day reduced significantly across surveys



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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 28, 1973

Robust economy of Singapore: No new taxes

Singapore, Feb. 27: Singapore's Finance Minister, Mr. Hon Sui Sen, introduced yesterday a no-tax budget with surplus of Singapore dollars 20 millions for April 1972-March 1973. Estimated expenditure is $2,774 millions, of which $821 millions will be for statutory authorities, for public utilities and $632 millions for defence and internal security, which is about 10 per cent less than last year.

The estimated revenue is $1,875 millions made up of $554 millions from income and payroll taxes, $545 millions from customs and import duties and $571 millions from sale of goods, services and administrative fees of Government Department.

Because of the robust rate of economic growth Mr. Hon said there was little or no need for additional taxation.

Duties on liquor, tobacco, petroleum products, other import duties and taxes on motor vehicles were increased in October last year after general elections.

Mr. Hon said an unhealthy aspect of the economy last year was the very large increase in domestic money supply beyond desirable limits due to speculative inflow.

It is understood that speculators in land and stocks and company take-overs were from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Taiwan and to some extent Uganda.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 28, 1923

Burmese women's conference

(Associated Press of India)

Rangoon, Feb. 26: Dwa Pwa Shin, editor of the "Tharawaddy Record" presided over the Fourth Conference of the Burmese Women's Association which has just concluded its sessions at Pegu. In her speech Dwa Paw Shin deplored the split in the Burmese Nationalist camp, but hoped that the Women of Burma would carry out harmoniously their work. A resolution that the members of women's associations should not buy any more diamonds and qualified women should stand as candidates to the Legislative Council and Local Bodies and that women should take to the study of law, was passed.

From Page One

Heavy, peaceful polling in Meghalaya, Nagaland

Polling in the two northeastern States was peaceful, barring some stray incidents of violence. Three persons were injured in Akuk village under the Bhandari constituency in Wokha district of Nagaland when supporters of one candidate attacked those of another.

There were reports of some extremists intimidating voters in favour of certain candidates in some districts.

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio exuded confidence that the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) and the BJP would retain power.

"I am humbled by the support of the people who have already made me the longest-serving Chief Minister of Nagaland," he said, after casting his vote at the Tuophema polling station. He is seeking to retain the Northern Angami-II seat for the NDPP.

He promised to remove certain "deficiencies" in the eastern part of Nagaland by creating jobs and building infrastructure if the NDPP-BJP retains power. Six eastern districts want to break away from Nagaland.

Mr. Rio said efforts would be made to resolve the "Naga political issue" and ensure permanent peace in the State. The issue pertains to the peace process between the Centre and two sets of extremist groups.

'Wave for NPP'

His Meghalaya counterpart, Conrad K. Sangma, said the turnout indicated a wave for the National People's Party (NPP). "We have received a good response everywhere," he said, after casting his vote at the Walbakgre polling station under South Tura, the constituency he hopes to retain.

However, Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong drew the notice of the Election Commission for a similar comment in a video posted on social media. He is the NPP's candidate from the Pynursla constituency.

The polling in Meghalaya was marked by a case of proxy voting. A constable of the Madhya Pradesh police, deployed for security during polling in Nagaland, died and three others were injured when the vehicle they were travelling in met with an accident in Wokha district.

Bypolls conducted in three States

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Voting for Assembly byelections was held in Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand and West Bengal on Monday.

The results will be declared on March 2, along with those of the Assembly elections in Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya. In the Erode (East) constituency of Tamil Nadu, the turnout was 74.79%.

The byelection was necessitated because of the death of Congress legislator E. Thirumahan Everaa, great grandson of Dravidar Kazhagam founder Periyar E.V. Ramasamy and son of former Tamil Nadu Congress Committee President E.V.K.S. Elangovan. The 46-year-old legislator died of a cardiac arrest on January 4. In Jharkhand, voting was held in the Ramgarh Assembly constituency, as the sitting legislator and Congress leader Mamata Devi was disqualified by the State Election Commission following her conviction in a criminal case. A voter turnout of over 67.96% was recorded till 5 p.m. and the polling process was "peaceful", an EC official said. Though the EC maintained that no untoward incident was reported, the ruling Trinamool, however, accused the CRPF of trying to influence the voters.

With PTI inputs

SC raps govt. on plea on ED chief's term

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court reacted sharply on Monday that it is not concerned with politics when the government claimed that the opposition to the "piecemeal" tenure extensions granted to Enforcement Directorate Director S.K. Mishra is by members of political parties trying to subvert ongoing investigations against their leaders.

A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and Aravind Kumar said the top court, in September 2021, had specifically said there would be no further extensions for Mr. Mishra. However, the government, within two months of the judgment, made amendments to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Act by way of promulgation of an ordinance in November 2021.

These amendments had paved the way for the government to stretch Mr. Mishra's tenure by a year till November 2022. On the strength of these changes, the government had again given the 1984-batch Indian Revenue Service officer his third extension in November 2022. He is expected to continue till November 18, 2023.

The petitions filed by Congress party spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala, Trinamool Congress leader Mahua Moitra, social activist and General Secretary of Madhya Pradesh Congress Mahila Committee Jaya Thakur have argued that the "piecemeal" extensions affect "institutional independence".

"All the petitions have been filed by people whose party leaders are facing serious charges," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted. He said the petitions were filed on the basis of personal motive and oblique interest.

Rajya Sabha panel seeks explanation from 13 MPs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Privileges Committee of the Rajya Sabha, headed by Deputy Chairman Harivansh, sought an explanation from 13 Opposition members, including suspended Congress member Rajni Patil, for disorderly conduct during the first half of the Budget Session.

Ms. Patil was suspended for shooting a video of the House proceedings on her phone.

On February 20, the Rajya Sabha Secretariat named Syed Nasir Hussain, Shaktisinh Gohil, Imran Pratapgarhi, L. Hanumanthaiah, Kumar Ketkar, Jebi Mather, Ranjeet Ranjan, Phulo Devi Netam, and Naranbhai J. Rathwa of the Congress, and Sanjay Singh, Sandeep Kumar Pathak and Sushil Kumar Gupta of the AAP for violating the rules of the House and obstructing the proceedings, compelling the Chair to repeatedly adjourn the sitting.

The Secretariat also informed that Mr. Sanjay Singh's conduct would also be investigated for "repeated submission of identical notices under Rule 267".

Agnipath scheme is in national interest, says Delhi High Court

Court says the scheme is a well-thought-out policy decision of the Centre; it dismisses pleas related to recruitment under previous advertisements

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday upheld the validity of the Agnipath scheme launched by the Union government for recruitment in the armed forces.

Dismissing a bunch of petitions, a Division Bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad said the scheme was introduced in national interest. It maintained that from the perusal of the material on record, the scheme was a well-thought-out policy decision of the Government of India. "We have extensively gone through the Agnipath Scheme, and can conclusively state that this scheme was made in national interest, to ensure that the armed forces are better equipped," it said.

Responding to the petitions that challenged the constitutional validity of the scheme, the court said "it's needless to state the four years' training would also instil a sense of nationalism in the recruits", which would "prompt them to use their skills and focus on the development of the country".

"Such advantages cannot be overlooked and dislodged on the basis of the apprehension that after four years such individuals may be unemployed or may take to illegal or unethical activities," it said.

Besides the pleas challenging the Agnipath scheme, the court dismissed petitions relating to the recruitment for the armed forces under certain previous advertisements, while clarifying that such candidates do not have the right to seek recruitment.

"The petitioners have no right to claim that the recruitment under the 2019 Notification and CEE Examination needs to be completed. Furthermore, both promissory estoppel and legitimate expectation cannot be applied in the instant case to force the Government to complete the recruitment keeping in mind larger public interest," the court said.

Short stint: The court stated that the four years' training period would instil a sense of nationalism among the recruits. AFP

Deadline for higher pension extended till May 3; web link up

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The link is available under the members' section on the EPFO website epfindia.gov.in

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on Monday enabled a link on the members' section of its website for employees and pensioners to opt for higher provident fund pension based on actual salary. The EPFO also extended the time for submitting the options till May 3. The deadline set by the Supreme Court was March 3.

The decision is part of implementing the Supreme Court verdict on November 4, 2022 allowing pensioners and workers who were members of the Employees Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995 as on September 1, 2014 to opt for higher pension. "The joint option for employees who were in service prior to September 1, 2014, and continued to be in service on or after September 1, 2014, but could not exercise joint option under the Employees' Pension Scheme can do so now on or before May 3, 2023," the EPFO said on its website. There is a separate Web link for employees who retired before September 1, 2014 to validate their joint options with the employer.

Gurmukh Singh, president, National Confederation of Retirees, which is an all-India federation of associations of retired employees, said in a letter to Central Provident Fund Commissioner Neelam Shami Rao on Monday that forcing about 25,000 pensioners who retired before September 1, 2014 and did not use the then non-existent provisions for submitting joint options under paragraphs 11(3) and 11(4) of the EPS, to verify their joint options is illogical.

"This is surely an action of inconsiderate high handedness on your part and quite unprecedented ever and has been unleashed on old, frail, and poor senior citizens who had all along toiled hard in their working lives to build and strengthen the nation's economy. It is unfair, unethical and devoid of any logic," Mr. Singh said.

Italian PM Meloni to be chief guest at 8th Raisina Dialogue

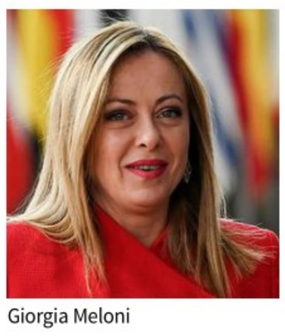
The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni will visit India on March 2 and 3, along with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Antonio Tajan and a high-powered business delegation, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Monday.

Ms. Meloni will be the chief guest and keynote speaker at the 8th Raisina Dialogue. This is the first prime ministerial visit from Italy in five years.

A bilateral defence cooperation agreement is likely to be announced that will also have a framework for government-to-government deals, official sources said. "Prime Minister Meloni's visit is expected to further strengthen and deepen the long-standing relationship between India and Italy," the Ministry said in a statement.

Both sides will take stock of the progress on the key outcomes of the November 2020 Summit, strengthen security and defence cooperation, work towards closer economic ties, enhance opportunity for mobility of talent and give strategic guidance to ongoing collaboration in science and technology.



Giorgia Meloni

Defence deal

The bilateral defence agreement to expand defence cooperation has been in the works for a few years which, sources said, would lay the ground for taking forward cooperation into new domains, including co-development and co-production of military platforms. It will also have a framework for intergovernmental agreements, a source said.

Congress raises questions about the addition of five Adani firms to NSE indices

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday, as part of its ongoing 'Hum Adani Ke Hain Kaun' series of questions, asked why the stocks of five more Adani Group companies had been added to the National Stock Exchange (NSE) index despite their crash in the stock market.

"Even as the leading market index providers MSCI, S&P Dow Jones and FTSE Russell review the weighting of Adani Group firms, the NSE has failed to take any serious action to protect investors," Congress communications chief and former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh said.

"Instead, the NSE announced on 17 February 2023 that an additional five Adani Group companies currently crashing in the stock markets would be included in no less than 14 indices," he said.

On Monday, *The Hindu* had reported about financial experts' plea for an urgent review by the NSE Board and the stock market regulator on the inclusion of Adani Group stocks in the NSE indices with effect from March 31, citing the ongoing meltdown in these firms' stock prices.

Jairam Ramesh

Question to PM

"This has caused many financial advisers to advise their clients not to invest in funds that use those indices as benchmarks. But lakhs of hapless investors are still at risk of being forced to bail out collapsing Adani companies with their hard-earned savings," Mr. Ramesh cautioned.

"Are you putting pressure on the NSE to bail out your close friend? Why is SEBI [Securities Exchange Board of India] not being allowed to take action to ensure that lakhs of investors are not duped into investing in a collapsing business group?" Mr. Ramesh asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi in an open statement.

LIC holdings

The Congress leader also said that with the continuing sell-off in Adani Group stocks, the value of the Life Insurance Corporation's (LIC) holdings in the group had fallen by a "shocking" ₹52,000 crore since December 31, 2022, and was now worth ₹32,000 crore.

"... The entire profit made by the LIC and its crores of policyholders has been wiped out, which we now know was due to stock market manipulation and money laundering, has been wiped out and caused a major loss to LIC," Mr. Ramesh asserted.

Retirees may miss out on higher PF pension: MP

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MP M. Shanmugam has written to Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav highlighting the possibility of several sections of post-2014 retirees, covered under the 1995 Employees' Pension Scheme, getting left out of the higher Provident Fund (PF) pension scheme.

Mr. Shanmugam explained that all those who retired after September 1, 2014, might not be in a position now to opt for the higher pension, as many of them would have drawn, at the time of their retirement, all the money that was accumulated in their PF accounts. Hence, they would not be in a position to give their consent. In the process, the intended benefit may not reach all the deserving persons and the Supreme Court's verdict of November 2022 might not get implemented in letter and spirit.

A joint statement at G-20 meeting is unlikely

NEWS ANALYSIS

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

The growing confrontation between the Western countries and the Russia-China combine is overshadowing the government's plans for the G-20 and the Raisina Dialogue of the Ministry of External Affairs this week.

Officials concede that after the public spat at the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting over the weekend, a joint statement at the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting looks unlikely for now.

A final call will be made on Tuesday and Wednesday, as India's Sherpa Amitabh Kant leads talks with Sherpas of other G-20 nations, ahead of the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting on March 1. If they fail to reach a consensus, India hopes to put out a "Chairman's outcome statement" similar to the one issued at the Finance Ministers' meeting in Bengaluru, said officials.

Boycott at Bali

The tensions, which saw Russia and China come out publicly together on a multilateral stage for the first time since the war in Ukraine began in February 2022, are likely to be more pronounced as Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang land in Delhi on Wednesday for the inaugural reception to be held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

In Bali last July, Foreign Ministers of all G-7 countries boycotted the inaugural dinner session hosted by Indonesia due to Mr. Lavrov's presence. The dinner will come just days after a UNGA vote condemning Russia for the invasion of Ukraine in which 17 of the G-20 countries voted in favour of the resolution, while only India, China and South Africa abstained.

The G-20 Foreign Ministers' meet will be held on March 1.

After the Bengaluru G-20 meet, the Russian Foreign Ministry issued an angry press statement, accusing Western countries of "blackmail" and diktats, and blaming them for derailing the consensus.

Earlier, French Finance Minister had issued a public ultimatum to India and the G-20 grouping saying that France "will oppose any communique" that doesn't include wording from the Bali Communique of 2022 that recorded that "most countries" condemned the war. Eventually, Indian negotiators bought peace by adding both versions and releasing it as an outcome statement and not a joint communique.

Former National Security Adviser Shiv Shankar Menon said the precedent may actually assist India, so long as it doesn't aim for a joint statement.

"China and Russia have now set a pattern, where they can get through G-20 meetings – by objecting to certain parts while others say what they wish on Ukraine, and there is no joint statement. This may suit India as well," Mr. Menon said in response to *The Hindu's* question at a meeting with journalists of the Indian Association of Foreign Affairs Correspondents (IAFAC).

Quad and SCO meets

Meanwhile, a plan by the Modi government to host a meeting of the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting on the sidelines of the G-20 meeting is also likely to ruffle feathers in the Chinese and Russian camps. In May this year, both Chinese and Russian Foreign Ministers are expected to travel to India again to attend the SCO Foreign Ministers' meeting in Goa.

SC slams Defence Ministry over OROP case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Defence Ministry came under fire from the Supreme Court on Monday for tweaking a judicial order to pay the entire arrears under the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme by March 15.

A three-judge Bench even said it may take the "very serious" step of issuing contempt notice.

Instead of complying with the January 9 order, the Ministry wrote on January 20, saying except for family pensioners and gallantry awardees, others would only get their OROP arrears in four equal half-yearly installments.

'Centre wants to divert attention from Adani'

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Prasad Yadav on Monday said the arrest of Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia was an attempt by the Centre to "divert from the real issue of Gautam Adani".

"The entire country knows very well why he [Manish Sisodia] has been arrested... There was continuous demand for a probe in Parliament [into the Adani Group] and now that issue is gone," Mr. Yadav said.

CPI(M) flays arrest of Sisodia

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The arrest of Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia by the CBI, is an effort to divert attention from growing questions on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's relationship with industrialist Gautam Adani, CPI(M) Polit Bureau said.

It said arrest was part of the Modi government project to weaponise central investigative agencies to target the Opposition.

Manish Sisodia sent to five-day CBI custody in Delhi excise policy case

Agency accuses Deputy Chief Minister of not cooperating in the probe, says he directed Secretary to create a new Cabinet note to alter the policy; Sisodia's team says L-G had approved the papers

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Monday remanded Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia in CBI custody for five days in the Delhi excise policy case. Mr. Sisodia, who was arrested on Sunday, will remain in custody of the agency till March 4.

While seeking Mr. Sisodia's remand, special public prosecutor Pankaj Gupta, for the CBI, maintained that the investigation revealed that the accused verbally directed the Secretary to create a new Cabinet note to alter the excise policy.

"He was heading the Group of Ministers constituted by the Cabinet for the excise policy... The profit margin was enhanced from 5% to 12%. He could not explain why the changes were made," Mr. Gupta said.

The team of lawyers, including senior advocate Dayan Krishnan, Siddharth Aggarwal and Mohit Mathur, argued on behalf of Mr. Sisodia and maintained that the CBI's grounds for remand were not tenable under law.

They said the increase of profit margin was included in the note sent to Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, who is the complainant in the matter, and no changes were suggested by him.

Police detaining an AAP member during a protest in Delhi on Monday against the arrest of Manish Sisodia. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

'Not cooperating'

Mr. Gupta said that Mr. Sisodia had changed his phone several times, destroyed three phones and could not give any specific reason for the same. The investigation agency also alleged that he was not cooperating with them in the probe.

"Do I need to keep my old phones in anticipation that one day the agency will arrest me and will ask for the same," questioned Mr. Mathur on behalf of Mr. Sisodia. The counsel for the Deputy CM also said that the allegation of non-cooperation by the CBI was baseless as their client had participated in the investigation, whenever he was called.

"You cannot seek remand of a person based on the fact that he did not answer a question in the manner you wanted to hear," the counsel said.

Mr. Aggarwal, for Mr. Sisodia, said the timing of the arrest made by the CBI was questionable as Mr. Sisodia, who is also the Finance Minister, was about to present the Budget in a few days. "This case is an assault not only on Sisodia but also on the institution. The remand will send a wrong message," he added.

Special judge M.K. Naglap of the Rouse Avenue court, who allowed the remand, said Mr. Sisodia would have to be produced before the court at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The CBI on Sunday arrested Mr. Sisodia following questioning for more than seven hours in connection with the allegation of irregularities in the formulation and implementation of the now-scrapped 2021-22 excise policy.

Ensure govt. services reach people in India's remote corners: Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that maximum efforts should be made to ensure that all government services and benefits reach the most marginalised people in the country, be it the tribespeople living in the remotest corners or the Pasmanda Muslims who have remained backward.

Mr. Modi was speaking on the importance of "reaching the last-mile" and "good governance" while addressing the inaugural session of a post-Budget webinar. He talked about the launch of the Aspirational Block Programme, which will keep with the government's philosophy of focusing on last-mile delivery. The programme will focus on building best practices in delivery of government services at the block level.

The webinar laid a special focus on key policies announced for tribal communities in the Budget.

"If you remember, there was a time when it took decades for vaccines to reach far-flung areas," he said, adding it was his government that brought Mission Indradhanush which improved delivery of vaccines.

INBRIEF

SC extends interim bail given to Pawan Khera till March 3

The Supreme Court on Monday extended the operation of the interim bail granted to Congress party spokesperson Pawan Khera till March 3. The move comes after both Assam and Uttar Pradesh sought time to file their responses to his petition to club and transfer FIRs registered against him in both States for reportedly referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as "Narendra Gautamdas Modi". Mr. Khera was granted interim bail till February 28 by the Magistrate, before whom he was produced for a transit remand to Assam to face charges, on the order of the Supreme Court.

EC asks Twitter to take down video of Meghalaya Deputy CM

The Election Commission (EC) has asked social media platform Twitter to take down a video posted on a Shillong-based daily's handle as its content was found to be in violation of the provisions of the Representation of the People Act of 1951. As Meghalaya went to the polls across 59 constituencies on Monday, the video, which was uploaded around 11 a.m., showed incumbent Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong appealing to the people to vote in favour of the National People's Party (NPP). Acting on a complaint, the Election Commission, in a letter to Twitter, underlined the Section 126(1)(b) of the RPA Act that the tweet violates. The Election Commission demanded that the tweet be taken down within three hours.

TRF behind killing of Kashmiri Pandit in Pulwama, say police

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

ADGP Kumar visited Pulwama and held a detailed security review with top officers on Monday

The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday zeroed in on The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow militant outfit of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), for the killing of Kashmiri Pandit Sanjay Sharma in Pulwama's Achan area on Sunday.

It has also stepped up search for three local and two foreign militants active in the district.

"LeT's TRF is behind the killing," Additional Director-General (ADGP) of Police Vijay Kumar told *The Hindu*. The little-known Kashmir Freedom Fighters (KFF) had claimed responsibility for the attack on Sunday, but the police suspect the TRF's role in it.

Mr. Kumar visited Pulwama on Monday and held a detailed security review with top police officers, the Army and the CRPF "to stop attacks on the members of minorities" in south Kashmir.

He has called for enhanced counter-terror operations in Pulwama district. He directed the police officers to generate more 'HUMINT' (human intelligence) and 'TECHINT' (technical intelligence), besides launching counter-terrorist operations along with security forces.

Security agencies have shifted their focus on active militants in the district. According to police data, there are three local militants and two foreigners active in Pulwama district. The police also suspect that two "hybrid militants" are active in the district. Mr. Kumar, who was briefed about the overall security measures put in place in Pulwama, instructed officials to implement additional security measures "to prevent such terror incidents".

There're more pensioners than active staff: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Personnel Minister Jitendra Singh on Monday said the number of persons drawing pension from the Union government was more than the number of active employees. "There are more pensioners, about 77 lakh, than active service personnel, which is about 50-60 lakh," he said.

"About 6,000-7,000 pensioners are in the age bracket of 'above 100' and are drawing the same amount as pension as they earned as salary. Nearly one lakh pensioners are in the '90 to 100' age bracket. I am looking forward to the day when there will be more than one lakh pensioners above 100."

He said currently, divorced daughters are eligible for family pension and the seven-year service eligibility for entitlement of pension/family pension has been done away with. "The intention is to free the regulatory regime of feudal mindset," he added.

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INBRIEF

As prices fall, Gujarat farmers throw away harvested onions

Farmers in several districts of Gujarat are crying as the prices have fallen to single-digit, forcing them to throw their produce in open farms. In Gujarat, onion is grown majorly in Bhavnagar, Rajkot and Surendranagar districts. According to the State Agriculture Department's data, onions were cultivated in Bhavnagar district on 34,000 hectares in 2020-21, while the area increased in 2021-22 as onion was sown on 34,366 hectares in the district. The overall cultivation in Gujarat in 2020-21 was 67,736 hectares, which increased to 99,413 hectares in 2021-22. Due to bumper production, prices have crashed to almost ₹5-7 a kg, which means less than ₹150 per 20 kg.

UIDAI using AI to upgrade fingerprint technology

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is using in-house artificial intelligence (AI) technology to improve the "robustness" of fingerprint authentication, according to a press release issued on Monday. The UIDAI said this effort was being undertaken to reduce "spoofing attempts", where duplicates of a fingerprint were being used to carry out Aadhaar transactions improperly. "The artificial intelligence and machine learning-based security mechanism developed in-house is now using a combination of both finger minutia[e] and finger image to check the liveness of the finger print captured," the release said.

SC refuses to entertain plea to postpone NEET-PG 2023

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain petitions by doctors seeking postponement of the NEET-PG 2023 exam scheduled for March 5, 2023. "We are not entertaining these petitions," a Bench of Justices S. Ravindra Bhat and Dipankar Datta said. On Friday, the court had sought more details from the Union government. A status report filed by the Centre, represented by Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, said 2.09 lakh doctors have registered for the exam. Of this, 1,76,427 would complete internship by March 31, 2023, the initial cut-off date for completion of the mandatory internship programme.

Parties should not put conditions for alliances: CPI

While maintaining that a political consensus has started emerging on the "necessity'' to defeat the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, general secretary of the Communist Party of India D. Raja on Monday said Opposition parties should not put conditions on leading a front in taking on Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA in the next Lok Sabha election. "It is true that a political understanding is slowly emerging to defeat Mr. Modi. But every political party, including the Congress, has to do some serious introspection because it is a new situation. The main goal should be to defeat the BJP in the next elections," Mr. Raja told *The Hindu*.

1,300-year-old Buddhist stupa found in Odisha's Jajpur

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) stumbled upon a 1,300-year-old stupa right in the middle of a mining site in Odisha's Jajpur district from where Khondalite stones were supplied for the beautification project around the 12th century Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri.

"We have managed to unearth a Buddhist stupa at the Khandolite mining site at Parabhadi in Sukhuapada hamlet in Jajpur district. Another smaller stupa has been completely destroyed due to mining at the site," said Dibishada Brajasundar Garnayak, Superintending Archaeologist of ASI's Puri circle, on Monday.

Mr. Garnayak said the stupa could be 4.5-metre tall and initial assessment showed that it may belong to the 7th or 8th century.

The archaeological asset was found at Parabhadi, which is situated near Lalitagiri, a major Buddhist complex, having a large number of stupas and monasteries. After discovery of the Buddhist stupa from the mining site, the ASI intervened and asked the Odisha government to stop mining through its Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC). The mining has since stopped.

The newly discovered stupa was possibly disfigured in an earlier period. The ASI would now attempt to fully retrieve the structure's archaeological heritage, restore it to its original form and undertake protection of the site.

"The State government must conduct heritage assessment of a site, particularly when it is situated near any place of archaeological interest, before giving permission for mining. The smaller stupa, which was destroyed, cannot be restored," said Mr. Garanayak.

Initial assessment showed that the stupa could be 4.5-metre tall and may belong to the 7th or 8th century. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Local people and Buddhist scholars had warned the State government against mining in the Sukhuapada hamlet as the site was part of the Lalitgiri Buddhist site. Even local artisans expressed concerns that their livelihood would be hit by the mining of Khondalite stones at an industrial scale.

"Those who approved the plan for carrying out quarrying at Sukhuapada should have applied their mind. Knowing well that many massive Buddha statues were discovered from Sukhuapada and preserved in the museum inside the Lalitgiri archaeological site, they should not have allowed such big mining machines to be deployed there," said Subhendu Bhuyan, member of the Jajpur Cultural Council.

Khondalite stones were widely used in ancient temple complexes. The State government had come up with an ambitious plan to spend ₹3,208 crore under the Augmentation of Basic Amenities and Development of Heritage and Architecture (ABADHA) scheme in three years to transform Puri into a world heritage city.

Khondalite stones are proposed to be used widely to maintain aesthetic value of some projects such as the heritage security zone, the Jagannath Ballav pilgrim centre, Puri lake development project, the Atharnala heritage project and the Matha Development Initiative.

Sukhuapada was the biggest of six Khondalite stone blocks reserved for the OMC. While Khondalite mining is being undertaken across 78.3 acres at Sukhuapada, other sites include Teligarh (27.5 acres), Gobindpur (20.3 acres), Chandia (4 acres), Kundakundi Kunda stone quarry (4.67 acres) and Kurumpada decorative stone quarry (1.67 acres) in Khordha district.

With the ASI taking control of Sukhuapada site, the OMC may find it difficult to supply Khondalite stones for the State government's ambitious temple development programmes. It may trigger another round of confrontation between the Centre and the State government. Violation of the ASI guidelines was a major controversy surrounding the redevelopment project in Puri.

History of invasions dug up to keep nation on the boil: SC

History of a nation cannot haunt the present and future generations, so that succeeding generations become prisoners of the past, says Bench of Justices K.M. Joseph and B.V. Nagarathna

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said India cannot "remain a prisoner of the past" with its history of invasions being constantly dug up and served on the plate of the present and future generations to "keep the country on the boil".

"History of a nation cannot haunt the present and future generations of a nation, so that succeeding generations become prisoners of the past," a Bench of Justices K.M. Joseph and B.V. Nagarathna said.

The observations were made while hearing a petition filed by petitioner-advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, who sought a judicial direction to the Home Ministry to constitute a 'Renaming Commission' to restore the ancient Hindu names of historic and religious places, and roads across the country which were looted by "barbaric, brutal, cruel invaders" in the 15th century.

> Hinduism is not really a religion, and because of Hinduism being a way of life, India has assimilated everybody, whether invader or friend
>
> **JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA**
> Supreme Court judge

He said the acts of the "barbaric invaders" has affected the citizens' right to sovereignty, unity and integrity. "Names from the time of Ramayana and Mahabharata were changed during foreign rule. They have to be restored to protect our ancient culture," Mr. Upadhyay said.

Justice Nagarathna asked Mr. Upadhyay to not "belittle Hinduism, which is a way of life where there is no room for bigotry".

"Hinduism is not really a religion and because of Hinduism being a way of life, India has assimilated everybody, whether an invader or a friend. It is because of this we are able to live together," Justice Nagarathna observed.

Justice Nagarathna said the British brought the 'divide and rule' policy, which caused a schism in the society. "Let us not break it up again with such petitions... Have the country in mind and not religion," Justice Nagarathna told Mr. Upadhyay.

HAL gets DGCA nod for new variant of Hindustan aircraft

The new variant of the Hindustan 228-201 LW aircraft has a maximum take-off weight of 5,695 kg with 19 passengers.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has approved a new variant of the Hindustan 228-201 LW aircraft developed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL).

According to the Bengaluru-headquartered defence PSU, this variant of the Hindustan 228-201 LW aircraft has a maximum take-off weight of 5,695 kg with 19 passengers.

The PSU claimed that this variant provides several operational benefits for operators such as reduced pilot qualification requirement enabling pilots with a commercial pilot licence to fly the aircraft, and reduced operational cost.

Karnataka best equipped to supply renewable energy: report

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Karnataka is currently the State with the best equipped power systems to transition its electricity system from being fossil-powered to renewable energy sources, followed by Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat, says an analysis by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and Ember on Monday.

As part of its international obligations, India has committed to generating about half of its electricity from non-fossil fuel sources and reducing the emissions intensity of its gross domestic product (GDP) by 45% by 2030. Achieving this is predicated on States tweaking their infrastructure used to deliver electricity, to efficiently accommodate inputs from multiple power sources such as solar, wind, hydro-power and existing fossil fuel sources.

The Centre has approved the Intra-State Transmission System – Green Energy Corridor Phase-II that lays the infrastructure for connecting electricity generated from renewables with the power grid in seven States. The corridor scheme, with a total estimated cost of ₹12,000 crore, would receive 33% Central financial assistance, or ₹3,970 crore.

Scoring system

The authors of the analysis prepared a scoring system for 16 States, which account for 90% of electricity production in India. Performance on four broad parameters namely decarbonisation, performance of the power system, readiness of the power ecosystem and policies and political commitments determined their scores.

Karnataka scored well, as it was able to supply electricity to meet almost all its power requirements in FY2022, with a shortage of 9 million units (mu) against the total annual power requirement of 72,692 mu.

The State also exceeded its target of segregating feeders by 16% and achieved 100% of its target of installing smart meters, the analysis noted.

Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat were the next best performers whereas Bihar, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh scored the least on these parameters.

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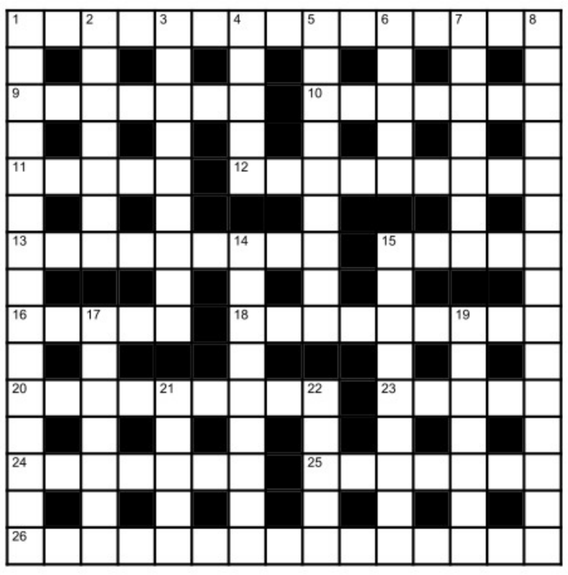

Across

1 Old and reticent person on a tram in Oklahoma's excited! (11,4)
9 Person who receives an older relative with small peg (7)
10 Parent partial to love goddess - short like Napoleon? (7)
11 Ray of moonlight's starting to appear after galestorm (5)
12 Spooner's secure with fake weapon (9)
13 Should hiding love and pain be a sign of masculinity? (9)
15 Company spends regularly to advance grass (5)
16 Fabric's ninetyfold firm at one end tied in knots, when separated, collapses (5)
18 Namedropping in private to get alliance, essentially, among other things (5,4)
20 Concerned with city losing inhabitants? Stick with this method of being green (9)
23 Hairy Emma intends to get shaved regularly (5)
24 Until any individual starts mutating, these animals can only be found in water (7)
25 Art form at its core's one form of magic, mostly (7)
26 Poor? Adapt fresh crops for cultivation (8,3,4)

Down

1 Digital bands playing in German get invited to England's south (10,5)
2 Drinks at posh house (7)
3 Robot from America plants vegetable in empty urn (9)
4 Sailor's crew dumps leader to one side (5)
5 Indian politician - one kept in a temporary location is tense (9)
6 No further disrobing, One Direction! (5)
7 Tissue obtained from dead criminal contained no Iodine (7)
8 A punch on the mouth and chin wacked, slunk away (7,8)
14 Half of critters on ice eat fish's heart - that's savage (9)
15 More thrifty small credit supported by setter's platform (9)
17 American city on the outskirts of Chandler needs to obtain what in Mexico would be "polish" (7)
19 Plant - an acacia surrounding another plant (7)
21 Communist Party recruits that man - an animal (5)
22 Sticky substance's very loud to detonate (2,3)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The magnificence of Karna

Arjuna looked abashed in the battlefield on seeing guru Dhrona, the grandsire Bhishma and others. He hesitated to fight with them. Lord Krishna had to teach him and in spite of it he wavered.

Karna was not taught by anybody. He knew well that pandavas were his brothers and showed no attachment.

He also knew that he was in support of Duryodhana, who was disliked by all. In spite of all these Karna was determined to fight to show his gratitude because it was Duryodhana who invested him with the sovereignty of the kingdom of Angadesam and gave him royal insignia when his parentage and race were not known.

Karna told my life is to him who gave me a status and I consider it as my duty.

When Kunthidevi asked Karna not to use the Nagasthra more than once and not to kill Pandavas except Arjuna, he replied a mother would teach her son love, affection, bravery and sacrifice but you teach me deceit and sinful acts.

He further told that if the centrehood of a five-hooded snake is destroyed, the other would automatically fall and promised that he would not kill except Arjuna.

Karna told Duryodhana that Arjuna had three unique advantages.

First his bowstring is full of divinity. Second his quiver will not deplete and third Lord Krishna is his charioteer. I can manage the first two but not the last one.

Karna was reputed for his charity. Even at the time of death when Lord Krishna in the guise of an old brahmin begged to give the fruit of all his good deeds, Karna had not hesitated, said Salem Rukmani Ammal in a discourse.

ISTANBUL

One killed in new Turkey quake, 69 injured as buildings collapse

AFP

An earthquake shook southeast Turkey on Monday, killing one person, injuring 69, authorities said. It hit three weeks after an earthquake that killed over 50,000 people in Turkey and Syria. The quake in Malatya was measured by the European-Mediterranean Seismological Centre at a magnitude of 5.2. REUTERS

ISLAMABAD

Police arrest ex-Army General in Pakistan for 'inciting' employees

AFP

Pakistani police arrested on Monday a retired Army general and prominent supporter of former PM Imran Khan on charges of inciting the public and government employees against national institutions, officials said. The charge against Gen. Amjad Shoaib (retd) came after he appeared on *BOL* news channel. AP

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's Ramaphosa vows to fight dirty money after 'grey' listing

REUTERS

President Cyril Ramaphosa on Monday said South Africa would seize "an opportunity" to tackle dirty money after it had been placed on a watchlist for financial crimes. The FATF said it had placed South Africa on "grey list" for not stopping "money laundering, terror financing, and proliferation financing." AFP

LONDON

IRA splinter group claims responsibility for police shooting

AP

Police in Northern Ireland said on Monday they were looking into an unverified statement by an Irish Republican Army splinter group claiming responsibility for the shooting of a police officer. A statement from the New IRA in Londonderry, claiming responsibility for attack on Detective Chief Inspector John Caldwell. AP

China blasts U.S. agency's COVID-19 'lab leak' report

The U.S. Energy Department 'concluded that the pandemic most likely arose from a laboratory leak'; Beijing accuses Washington of 'smearing' the country and politicising scientific research

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China on Monday accused the U.S. of "smearing" the country and "politicising" scientific research, after a government agency in Washington published a report concluding that the COVID-19 pandemic likely began from a laboratory accident.

A classified intelligence report recently provided to the White House and members of Congress, reported *The Wall Street Journal* on Monday, said the U.S. Energy Department "concluded that the...pandemic most likely arose from a laboratory leak".

The newspaper said the Energy Department's conclusion "is the result of new intelligence and is significant because the agency has considerable scientific expertise and oversees a network of U.S. national laboratories, some of which conduct advanced biological research." At the same time, It added, the Energy Department made its judgment with "low confidence".

China's Foreign Ministry slammed the report as being "politicised". "A laboratory origin of the pandemic was considered to be extremely unlikely is a science-based, authoritative conclusion reached by the experts of the WHO-China joint mission after field trips to the lab in Wuhan and in-depth communication with researchers. It was accurately recorded in the mission's report and has received extensive recognition from the international community," spokesperson Mao Ning said. "Certain parties should stop rehashing the 'lab leak' narrative, stop smearing China and stop politicising origins-tracing."

Samples collected from people being tested for COVID-19 in Liaoning province on February 12. AFP

Chinese officials, however, have also suggested the virus could have lab origins – except they have pointed the finger at U.S. facilities. Chinese state media outlets have widely publicised U.S. "lab leak" theories, so much so that the widespread view among the public in China is that the virus did not, as most of the world's scientific community has concluded, originate in Wuhan.

'Disparate judgments'

The *Journal* report said the new "shift by the Energy Department, which previously was undecided on how the virus emerged," had been "noted in an update to a 2021 document by Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines's office", adding that it "highlights how different parts of the intelligence community have arrived at disparate judgments about the pandemic's origin."

While the Energy Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation have concluded a lab leak as the most likely origin, four other agencies believe it was "the result of a natural transmission", reflecting a divide within agencies that comprise the U.S. intelligence community.

The scientific community has also continued to debate the origins without, as yet, a conclusive picture on the emergence of the virus.

Some virologists have suggested natural, or zoonotic, origins were the most likely scenario, considering how past pandemics spread and the fact that the first major site of spread was a seafood market in Wuhan where live animals were sold. Studies have also suggested there were two parallel strains passed to humans from animals at the market.

However, others have pointed to the location of a top Chinese research laboratory in Wuhan, coupled with the fact that the animal intermediate source at the market, three years on, has yet to be identified, to suggest a lab leak could not be ruled out and needed deeper investigation.

Two dead in Russian drone attack in west Ukraine city

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

A Russian attack with Iran-made drones early on Monday left two people dead and three more wounded in the western Ukraine city of Khmelnytskyi, the Mayor said.

Mayor Oleksandr Symchyshyn said in separate messages on social media that two rescue workers had died in hospital following the attack with more than a dozen unmanned aerial vehicles.

"Unfortunately, we have another hospital death. Doctors failed to save the life of another hero - a rescuer," he said in the second statement after earlier reporting the first death.

The Ukrainian armed forces said it had shot down 11 out of 14 "Shaded" drones deployed by Moscow's forces overnight.

Residents of West Bank count cost of Israeli reprisals

Agence France-Presse
HUWARA

Palestinians in the occupied West Bank on Monday counted the cost of deadly violence and arson by Israeli settlers targeting a town where two Israeli brothers were killed.

Dozens of Israeli settlers set homes and cars ablaze in the northern town of Huwara overnight, after a day of Israeli-Palestinian talks in neighbouring Jordan aimed at quelling a surge in violence in the Palestinian territory.

More than 350 Palestinians were injured, most suffering from tear gas inhalation, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society said.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said Sameh Aqtash, 37, was shot dead during an attack by Israeli forces and settlers on the nearby village of Zaatara.

The violence came hours after two Israeli settlers - brothers Yagel Yaniv, 20, and Hallel Yaniv, 22 - were shot dead Sunday as they drove through Huwara. On Monday, an *AFP* photographer saw damaged homes blackened by fire, long lines of charred cars, burned trees and smashed windows.

A masked Palestinian militant takes part in a parade in Rafah.

"They burned the cars and the houses and destroyed everything," Huwara resident Diaa Odeh said. "Whenever we started to push the settlers back, the army was firing tear gas at us," added the 25-year-old.

Wajeh Odeh, a member of the town's municipality, said 30 houses were burned and damaged while over 100 cars were torched. Abdel Moneim Aqtash said he and his brother were standing outside a blacksmith's workshop when they were attacked by Israeli settlers.

"They left the area and then came back with the occupation Army... The army shot my brother, not the settlers," he said. The military said that Aqtash "was not shot by an Israeli soldier".

Yoav Gallant, Defence Minister in Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu's new right-wing coalition government, said he expected "difficult days ahead" and had ordered troops to be reinforced. "I call on everyone to restore calm... We cannot allow a situation in which citizens take the law into their (own) hands," he said.

No peaceful resolution at the moment: Kremlin on China's proposal on Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

The Kremlin on Monday acknowledged China's proposal for a political solution in Ukraine but said the conditions for a peaceful resolution of the conflict were not in place "at the moment".

"We paid a lot of attention to our Chinese friends' plan," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Monday, adding that: "for now, we don't see any of the conditions that are needed to bring this whole story towards peace."

China has sought to position itself as a neutral party in the conflict while maintaining close ties with strategic ally Russia.

Beijing last week called for peace talks as it released a 12-point paper to end the war in Ukraine, which included the respect of all countries' territorial sovereignty.

U.K., EU start 'new chapter' over N. Ireland trade pact

Reuters
LONDON

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has struck a new deal with the European Union on post-Brexit trade rules for Northern Ireland and he said it would pave the way for a new chapter in London's relationship with the bloc.

Standing alongside European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in Windsor, Mr. Sunak said the two sides had agreed to ease trade rules for the British province and give its lawmakers more control over the laws they have to follow. "I'm pleased to report that we have now made a decisive breakthrough," Mr. Sunak said, adding that they had agreed to change the original deal for Northern Ireland, to create the "New Windsor Framework".

"This is the beginning of a new chapter in our relationship."

Northern Ireland, a British province, had an open border with Ireland, an EU member. The success of the deal is likely to hinge on whether it convinces the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) to end its boycott of Northern Ireland's power-sharing arrangements. These were central to the 1998 peace agreement. DUP leader Jeffrey Donaldson said they would take time to look at the details before deciding whether to accept it.

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Communist rift plunges Nepal's coalition into crisis

Reuters
KATHMANDU

Splits within Nepal's communist-dominated ruling coalition plunged the Himalayan nation into crisis on Monday as a Marxist-Leninist party said it would withdraw support after the Maoist Prime Minister backed an Opposition candidate for the presidency.

Elected in December, Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' formed a seven-party coalition including his own Maoist Centre party, the Communist Unified Marxist-Leninist (UML) party and five other smaller groups. Last week, Mr. Prachanda infuriated the UML by pledging support for the Opposition Nepali Congress's presidential candidate, Ram Chandra Paudel.

Pushpa Kamal Dahal

Mr. Prachanda had earlier agreed to support a UML candidate for the presidency, according to politicians in the coalition.

Members of both Houses of Parliament and members of seven provincial Assemblies will cast their votes on March 9 to elect the President.

Senior UML figure Bishnu Paudel, who serves as Deputy Prime Minister in charge of finance, said he and all eight Ministers of his party had submitted resignation letters to the Prime Minister as Mr. Prachanda failed to "honour the consensus" that was reached when forming the government.

"We'll also withdraw support to the coalition government," Mr. Paudel said.

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तिरुवनंतपुरम / THIRUVANANTHAPURAM – 22 / (फोन नं. / Ph. No. 0471 - 2564568 / 5669 / 4537)
ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए संक्षिप्त सूचना / BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा ऑनलाइन मद-दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। On behalf of the President of India, online item-rate tenders are invited through E-tendering for the following works.

कार्य का शीर्षक तथा ई-निविदा सूचना सं. / Title of work & E-Tender Notice No.	पी.ए.सी./P.A.C.
1. एसओजी, टर्म्स, वीएसएससी, तुंबा में एसपीएआरसी सुविधाएं के लिए अतिरिक्त फेंसिंग कार्य (सिविल कार्य) / Additional fencing works for SPARC facilities at SOG, TERLS, VSSC, Thumba (Civil works), NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C01/30/2022-23 Dt. 27.02.2023	रु./Rs. 39.10 लाख/Lakhs
2. आइआइएसयू, वट्टियूरकावु में तकनीकी ई-ब्लॉक के द्वितीय तल में सीएसएनजी लैब का ऊर्ध्वाधर विस्तार (सिविल कार्य) / Vertical Extension of CSNG Lab at Second Floor of Technical E-Block at IISU, Vattiyoorkavu (Civil works), NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C01/31/2022-23 Dt. 27.02.2023	रु./Rs. 33.70 लाख/Lakhs
3. इन्स्टेफ, वीएसएससी, तुंबा में विद्युत प्रणाली सब-स्टेशन का संवर्धन (सिविल कार्य) / Augmentation of Energy System Substation at INSTEF, VSSC, Thumba (Civil works), NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C01/32/2022-23 Dt. 27.02.2023	रु./Rs. 27.59 लाख/Lakhs
डाउनलोड करने की अवधि/Period for downloading: दिनांक 28.02.2023, 10:00 बजे/hrs से/to दिनांक 08.03.2023, 23:00 बजे/hrs	

योग्यता मानदंड तथा अन्य ब्यौरों को पाने के लिए इच्छुक निविदाकार ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए विस्तृत सूचना (ई-एनआइटी) का अवलोकन करें, जिसे www.tenderwizard.in/isro or www.isro.gov.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। / Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.in/isro or www.isro.gov.in. Sd/- ग्रुप निदेशक / Group Director, सीएमजी, वीएसएससी / CMG, VSSC

INBRIEF

Fabindia scraps IPO plans 'considering market situation'

Leading retailer of artisan products and lifestyle items Fabindia on Monday said it had shelved its plans to unveil an initial public offering for about ₹4,000 crore due to the present volatile market conditions. The company had withdrawn its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) filed with market watchdog SEBI for a public listing, a Fabindia spokesperson said. PTI

Bajaj Auto scrip slides 5.45% on reports of 'cut in output'

Shares of Bajaj Auto Ltd. slid by more than 5% on the BSE on Monday following media reports on the company planning to reduce the production of two- and three-wheelers on account of uncertainties and an adverse economic condition in Nigeria, its biggest export market. Bajaj Auto stock fell 5.45% to ₹3,640.75. Reportedly, the company was planning to cut production by 25%, or about 2.7 lakh units, in March. A query sent to the company elicited no response. Nigeria, which is facing political uncertainties and demonetisation, accounts for a fourth of Bajaj Auto's exports.

Govt. offers free 5G test bed to recognised start-ups till Jan.

The Department of Telecom has offered usage of 5G test bed free of cost to start-ups and MSMEs recognised by the government, up to January 2024, according to an official release on Monday. It further said that all 5G stakeholders, including industry, academia, service providers, research and development institutions, government bodies and equipment manufacturers, can utilise this facility at a nominal rate. PTI

Bank credit growth slowed to 16.8% in third quarter: RBI

Aggregate deposits rose 10.3%; growth in credit was led by branches in metropolitan centres, which account for almost 60% of total bank credit, data released by the central bank show

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Bank credit growth slowed down to 16.8% in the October-December 2022 period from a year earlier, RBI data showed. This compares with 17.2% seen in the previous quarter, according to the quarterly statistics on bank deposits and credit, released by the Reserve Bank of India on Monday

A year earlier, credit growth was 8.4%.

"Growth in credit was led by bank branches in metropolitan centres, which account for nearly 60% of the total credit by SCBs [scheduled commercial banks] and recorded 17.2% rise (y-o-y) in lending; urban, semi-urban and rural centres also recorded double digit credit growth," the RBI said.

Public sector banks increased their credit portfolio by 15.7% during calendar 2022 (4.7% in 2021); corresponding growth for private banks, however, remained higher at 19.1% (13.1%), it said.

Aggregate deposits rose 10.3% (y-o-y) in the December quarter, led by a 13.2% rise in term deposits; current and savings deposits recorded moderate growth of 4.6% and 7.3%, respectively. Deposit mobilisation by public sector banks improved to 8.8% growth in the quarter (6.9% a year earlier). Private banks saw 13.2% expansion.

Growth pangs

Public sector banks increased their credit portfolio by 15.7% during the year 2022 (4.7% in 2021)

- Growth for private sector banks remained higher at 19.1% (13.1% a year earlier)
- Current and savings deposits recorded growth of 4.6% and 7.3%, respectively, in quarter ended December 2022
- Deposit mobilisation by public sector banks improved to 8.8% growth (6.9% a year earlier)
- Private banks saw 13.2% expansion

Industry's Q3 profit margins dip on high inflation: ICRA

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

India Inc.'s operating profit margin narrowed by a sharp 2.37% in the December quarter to 16.3% on an annual basis due to inflation and rising energy costs, domestic ratings agency ICRA said on Monday.

When viewed sequentially, the operating profit margin for the December quarter expanded by 1.8% over the preceding September quarter, ICRA Ratings said, attributing the same to the easing in input costs as also price hikes by many companies.

'Uncertainty persists'

Going forward, while price increases and sequential input cost reductions can boost margins in the near term, geopolitical tensions, recessionary concerns, and forex volatility continue to pose risks, the agency said.

The revenue of companies, excluding those in the financial sector, grew 17.2%, which was as per expectations, the agency said, adding that hotels, oil and gas, auto, airlines, and power sectors led the way.

However, sequential revenue growth was a muted 1.4% due to inflationary headwinds. "India Inc's ability to improve earnings will depend on headwinds such as energy cost inflation, evolving recessionary trends in the developed markets, and impact of fluctuations in foreign exchange," ICRA sector head Sruthi Thomas said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,288	-0.30
US Dollar	82.75	0.03
Gold	55,520	-0.57
Brent oil	82.33	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1193.50	-122.15
Adani Ports	562.00	3.10
Apollo Hosp	4439.75	-30.90
Asian Paints	2749.90	11.40
Axis Bank	854.35	2.95
Bajaj Auto	3639.85	-210.10
Bajaj Finserv	1357.40	-1.60
Bajaj Finance	6194.50	-41.75
Bharti Airtel	752.90	-4.20
BPCL	320.45	2.90
Britannia Ind	4388.25	-54.30
Cipla	950.20	-11.60
Coal India	216.95	-0.10
Divis Lab	2858.50	-56.70
Dr Reddys Lab	4421.00	-70.10
Eicher Motors	3131.05	-74.55
Grasim Ind	1571.60	-3.60
HCL Tech	1083.95	-10.90
HDFC	2592.15	15.00
HDFC Bank	1592.90	3.95
HDFC Life	488.70	5.85
Hero MotoCorp	2437.55	-48.10
Hindalco	411.80	-3.45
Hind Unilever	2468.15	-16.05
ICICI Bank	856.40	16.70
IndusInd Bank	1081.95	2.80
Infosys	1509.30	-41.35
ITC	382.20	-2.90
JSW Steel	680.50	-4.50
Kotak Bank	1725.95	28.65
L&T	2113.70	-20.35
M&M	1257.40	-22.80
Maruti Suzuki	8632.20	-28.30
NestleIndia	18622.75	-58.15
NTPC	172.40	1.40
ONGC	155.25	0.25
PowerGrid Corp	219.20	4.15
Reliance Ind	2367.85	-15.85
SBI Life	1129.15	7.10
State Bank	527.70	6.65
Sun Pharma	965.05	-5.45
TataConsumerProduct	710.30	-5.85
Tata Motors	417.95	-9.80
Tata Steel	106.10	-3.65
TCS	3331.85	-68.60
Tech Mahindra	1113.95	-5.05
Titan	2401.00	1.90
UltraTech Cement	7186.65	-30.05
UPL	708.30	-30.00
Wipro	390.35	-2.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 27

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.64	82.96
Euro	87.30	87.64
British Pound	98.97	99.35
Japanese Yen (100)	60.63	60.87
Chinese Yuan	11.86	11.91
Swiss Franc	87.82	88.17
Singapore Dollar	61.25	61.50
Canadian Dollar	60.79	61.03
Malaysian Ringitt	18.46	18.55
Australian Dollar	55.49	55.71

Source:Indian Bank

Retail MF asset base rose 9.3% in January to ₹23.4 lakh cr.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Retail investors' interest in the Indian mutual fund (MF) industry has seen an uptick with the value of assets held by them rising 9.3% to ₹23.4 lakh crore in January this year.

However, the value of institutional assets has marginally decreased to ₹17.42 lakh crore in January 2023, from ₹17.49 lakh crore in January 2022, latest data with the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed.

DRL to acquire Mayne's U.S. generic portfolio for $105 mn

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (DRL) is set to acquire the U.S. generic prescription product portfolio of Australia's Mayne Pharma Group for $105 million, which includes upfront cash consideration of $90 million.

The portfolio includes 45 commercial, four pipeline and 40 approved non-marketed products, including generic products focussed on women's health. For the financial period ended June 30, 2022, Mayne Pharma had reported $111 million revenue for the portfolio. DRL's wholly-owned subsidiary Dr. Reddy's Laboratories SA has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the portfolio from Mayne Pharma Group. The agreement also involves contingent payments by DRL of up to $15 million, consideration towards inventory and credits for certain accrued channel liabilities to be determined on the closing date.

Value of market

The value of total addressable market for the pipeline and approved non-marketed products in the U.S. is about $3.6 billion for the calendar year ended December 2022, Dr. Reddy's said citing IQVIA numbers.

"The U.S. has always been an important market for us... portfolio being acquired includes some high entry-barrier products," DRL CEO Erez Israeli said.

Essar to invest $3.6 bn in low-carbon energy projects in India, U.K.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Prashant Ruia

Essar Group has set up Essar Energy Transition (EET) to "drive the creation of the U.K.'s leading energy transition hub" in England.

EET plans to invest $3.6 billion in developing a range of low-carbon energy transition projects over the next five years, of which $2.4 billion will be invested across its site at Stanlow, England and $1.2 billion in India, the group said in a statement.

Green fuel hub

In India, the group plans to develop a cost-efficient, global supply hub for low-carbon fuels, including green hydrogen and green ammonia. Green ammonia will be shipped from India to the U.K., Europe and globally to meet expanding demand.

"The EET is a major milestone in Essar's [Group's] long-standing commitment to put the United Kingdom in the forefront of low-carbon energy," said Prashant Ruia, Director, Essar Capital.

SpiceJet sells 7.5% stake to Carlyle unit in lieu of $100-mn debt

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

SpiceJet said that it has sold 7.5% stake in the airline's passenger and cargo business to aviation financing company Carlyle Aviation for the $100 million in debt it owed the latter.

"The transaction will wipe out over $100 million debt of SpiceJet, thereby strengthening its balance sheet for future expansion, the airline said in a statement. "The move will substantially deleverage the company's balance sheet."

In addition, the airline would also transfer Compulsorily Converted Debentures (CCDs) of its cargo arm, SpiceXpress, aggregating to $65.5 million. The CCDs would be converted into equity shares of SpiceXpress at an anticipated future valuation of $1.5 billion, or ₹12,422 crore, it added.

The company's board has also sought shareholders' approval to raise fresh capital of up to ₹2,500 crore through an issue of securities to Qualified Institutional Buyers.

Indian aviators globally must explore a career in Air India: Campbell Wilson

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Faced with the need to recruit talent for the 470-aircraft it has ordered, Air India CEO Campbell Wilson made an ardent plea for Indian aviators around the world to return to home country to benefit from "unprecedented and unparalleled" opportunities the airline has to offer as it embarks on a transformational journey.

"The growth we can offer both for a pilot coming into the Air India Group entertaining command or attaining operations on a wide-body aircraft [is] really unprecedented and unparalleled in this part of the world," Mr. Wilson said in response to a question from *The Hindu*. "If someone is an aviation professional wanting a career, then there is no better place than Air India.

"We see that being an attraction for not just people in India but also Indians based overseas. They have an opportunity to come back and work for a carrier that is world class in significant scale and fly international widebody operations," he added.

Those familiar with airlines' internal functions had expressed concern over the ongoing pilot shortage in the airline and described as "nightmarish" the need to hire "300-400" pilots a month to prepare for aircraft induction.

Campbell Wilson

Training academy

DGCA Chief Arun Kumar told *The Hindu* while there were sufficient pilots in the country, it was the future requirement that airlines were worried about.

The airline would also be hiring expatriate pilots to cater to the massive demand for talent, Mr. Wilson said. The airline was also in the process of setting up its training academy to create a pipeline not just for Air India, but the Indian aviation sector.

Six A 350s will arrive by 2023 end along with Boeing 737-800s. At list price, the entire order is worth $70 billion though airlines often get large discounts.

To another question from *The Hindu*, the airline CEO said the drivers of Air India's aircraft order are also the "drivers of national interest".

The CEO also indicated that the airline's famous icon, Maharajah, may undergo a change too.

FORM A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Regulation 14 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Voluntary Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2017)
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS OF WELD AIDS PRIVATE LIMITED

1	NAME OF CORPORATE PERSON	WELD-AIDS PRIVATE LIMITED
2	DATE OF INCORPORATION OF CORPORATE PERSON	21/03/1986
3	AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH CORPORATE PERSON IS INCORPORATED / REGISTERED	ROC-BANGALORE, MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
4	CORPORATE IDENTITY NUMBER / LIMITED LIABILITY IDENTITY NUMBER OF CORPORATE PERSON	U28113KA1986PTC007531
5	ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE (IF ANY) OF CORPORATE PERSON	GROUND FLOOR, NO. 84/5, HARIJAN COLONY, MATHIKERE, BENGALURU -560054, KARNATAKA, INDIA
6	LIQUIDATION COMMENCEMENT DATE OF CORPORATE PERSON	25/02/2023
7	NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE LIQUIDATOR	MR. THIRUPAL GORIGE, NO. 87, 2ND FLOOR, 21ST CROSS, 7TH MAIN, N S. PALYA, BTM 2NDSTAGE,BANGALORE-560076, KARNATAKA, INDIA CELL +91 94483 84064, LL 080 79634233 EMAIL: gthirupal@gmail.com IP REGISTRATION NO. IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00016/2016-17/10030
8	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS	26/03/2023

Notice is hereby given that **Weld-Aids Private Limitedhas** commenced voluntary liquidation on 25thFebruary2023.
The stakeholders of **Weld-Aids Private Limitedare** hereby called upon to submit a proof of their claims, on or before26thMarch2023to the liquidator at the address mentioned against item 7.
The financial creditors shall submit their proof of claims by electronic means only. All other stakeholders may submit the proof of claims in person, by post or by electronic means.
Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.
Date : 27.02.2023
Place : Bangalore
Sd/-
Thirupal Gorige
Liquidator

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-3, Solid Waste Management-1, Behind Dasappa Hospital Building, Bengaluru-560 002
No.: EE-3/SWM/TEND/08/2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023
SHORT TERM - TWO COVER TENDER
(Through e-Procurement Portal)
The Executive Engineer, Solid Waste Management-3 invites Tenders for Annual Maintenance Contract of already commissioned Aadhaar enabled Biometric attendance devices for Solid Waste Management Department and maintenance of the same for one year.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	No. of Units	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Annual Maintenance Contract of Aadhaar enabled Biometric attendance devices for Solid Waste Management Department and maintenance of the same for one year at various locations under BBMP jurisdiction.	600	0.56

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last date for receipt of tenders on **08.03.2023** upto **4:00 p.m. (3)** Last date for uploading queries on **03.03.2023** upto **4:00 p.m. (4)** Pre-bid meeting on **04.03.2023** at **3:00 p.m.** at office of the Joint Commissioner (H&SWM), BBMP Head Office Premises, 2nd Floor, Annex Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru. **(5)** Date of opening of Technical bids are on **10.03.2023** by **4:00 p.m.** or next working day. **(6)** Opening of Financial bids will be intimated to Technically qualified bidders. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer-3,
Solid Waste Management, BBMP

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department
Office of the Chief Engineer, RWS&SD, First Floor, "E" Block, KHB Complex, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 009, Ph: 080-22533700, e-mail: cerws14@gmail.com
No:RDW&SD/JJM/ISA/31/IEC-1/2022 Date: 27-02-2023
SHORT TERM TENDER INVITATION
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Govt. of Karnataka invites Short Term Tender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from eligible bidders in two cover system (Technical and Financial bid) for Supply, Printing, Transportation and Fixing of Cloth Banner on Hoarding at all Districts in Karnataka. The last date for submission of bids through e-portal is **07-03-2023 before 4.00 PM.** EMD Amount is **Rs.1,67,000/-.**
Sd/- Chief Engineer
RDW&SD, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/BCPL/4968/2022-23

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT
O/o the Deputy Director of Horticulture, Sri Chamarajendra (Cubbon) Park, Bengaluru.
No:DH/DDH/CP/SKUP/CW4/01/2022-23/CALL-2 Dated: 27-02-2023
SHORT TERM RE E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
Deputy Director of Horticulture, Sri Chamarajendra (Cubbon) Park, Bengaluru invites Bi-Annual Short Term Re-e-Tender in Two Cover System through e-Procurement Portal for the work of Daily Cleaning and Waste Disposal. Further details may be obtained from Website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and from the office of the undersigned during working days.
1) Approximate Amount of Tender: **Rs. 414.00 Lakhs. 2)** Cost of Application Form: Application Fee shall be paid as directed in **e-Procurement Government of Karnataka. 3)** E.M.D: **Rs. 6,22,000/-** shall be paid in favour of **e-Procurement Government of Karnataka. 4)** Last date for Submission of Filled Tender Documents: **13-03-2023 upto 5.30 PM. 5)** Pre Bid Conference on **03-03-2023, Time 11.30 to 1.00 PM. 6)** Date of Opening of Technical Tender Forms: **15-03-2023 at 11.00 AM. 7)** Date of Opening of Financial Tenders: **17-03-2023 at 11.00 AM.**
Sd/- Deputy Director of Horticulture
Sri Chamarajendra (Cubbon) Park, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/4967/Adverto/2022-23

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An evening to remember: The members of the 1983 World Cup-winning team with Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik, Chairperson of *The Hindu* Group Malini Parthasarathy and L.V. Navaneeth, CEO, THG Publishing Pvt. Ltd., at the *Sportstar* Aces Awards on Monday. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Thomas Cup squad bags 'Team of the year' award

Lakshya calls it a 'collective effort'; Shyam Thapa, one of India's greatest football strikers, gets the Lifetime Achievement Award; Odisha is 'Best State For Promotion of Sports'

ACES AWARDS

Ashwin Achal
MUMBAI

The Indian men's badminton team, which emerged as the champion of the 2022 Thomas Cup, won the 'National team of the year' award at the *Sportstar* Aces Awards 2023 at The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel here on Monday.

Lakshya Sen, member of the winning team, received the award from former India cricket team captain Kapil Dev. Vimal Kumar, the manager of the Indian badminton team, and Lakshya's father D.K. Sen, were also present on stage.

"Winning the Thomas Cup was a big collective effort from all team members. We can relate a lot to the 1983 Cricket World Cup team," Lakshya said.

Lakshya also won the 'Sportsman of the year (racquet sports)' award, along with table tennis star Sharath Kamal.

Odisha won the 'Best State For the Promotion of Sports' award. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik received the award.

"I would like to thank *The Hindu* Group and *Sportstar* magazine for this honourable award. In Odisha, we have tried to do a great deal for hockey in the last few years – in the last 15 months, we have built the largest hockey stadium in the world. We believe investment in sports is an investment in youth, and investment in youth is an investment in the future," Patnaik said.

Shyam Thapa, regarded as one of India's finest football strikers, received the 'Lifetime Achievement Award'. Thapa was felicitated by former India football captain Bhaichung Bhutia.

Thapa was part of the team which won a historic bronze medal at the 1970 Asian Games.

"At 74, I'm still coaching young footballers at academies. I am still hopeful that one day, India will play in a FIFA World Cup," Thapa said.

The 2022 Indian Premier League (IPL) champion Gujarat Titans won the 'Club of the year' award. Arvinder Singh, Gujarat Titans Chief Operating Officer, received the award.

The jury panel was headed by legendary India cricketer Sunil Gavaskar.

Star cast

Olympic gold medal-winning shooter Abhinav Bindra, former India hockey captain M.M. Somaya, chess great Viswanathan Anand, Bhutia and Olympians Anjali Bhagwat and Aparna Popat were the other members of the jury.

Corporate support

The event was supported by IDFC First Bank, Indian Oil, India Cements, United India, Ramaiah University, Experimenta Science Center, G.D. Naidu Charity, Finolex Pipes, LIC, BPCL, Samsonite, Big Basket, Nippon Paint, CRICHQ, Wordswork, NewsX and Casagrand.

In the limelight: Lakshya recalls the historic Thomas Cup journey after getting the award from Kapil as Vimal savours the moment. *Below:* Thapa receives his trophy from Bhutia. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Over the years, we have grown from teammates to family: Gavaskar

Ashwin Achal
MUMBAI

It may be close to 40 years since the Indian team defied the odds to lift the 1983 Cricket World Cup trophy, but memories of that stirring victory will never fade.

Members of the team, led by the irrepressible Kapil Dev, were full of anecdotes as they held centrestage at the *Sportstar* Aces Awards 2023 at The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel on Monday. Tributes were paid to batter Yashpal Sharma who passed away a couple of years ago. Yashpal scored a terrific 89 to help India defeat West Indies in the group-stage match against defending champion West Indies.

Kirti Azad called on the audience to observe a minute's silence to honour his close friend. Yashpal's wife Renu Sharma was present on the stage. "Our 1983 World Cup team gets together once a year, and we remember our dear friend Yashpal. His soul lingers with us," Azad said.

All-rounder Ravi Shastri described Yashpal as a big part of the dressing room. "Yashpal was an entertainer in the dressing room. He cracked jokes, and sometimes, his accent had us rolling with laughter. There were a lot of people in our team who enjoyed needling him, because Yashpal had a short fuse.

"As a batsman, his performances in the 1983 World Cup will never be forgotten. Some of the shots he played in that knock against West Indies were fantastic. He again rose to the occasion in the semifinal against England (Yashpal top scored for India with 61). We love you Yash, and *The Hindu* family loves you too," Shastri said.

Tennis great Leander Paes engaged Kapil's men in a lively conversation. "Gavaskar once cracked a joke to me. He said bouncers never worried him, as they always went over his head," Paes said.

For Gavaskar, the bond forged through all those years are stronger than ever. "The team has a texting group now, and we are in touch daily. Over the years, we have grown from teammates to family. We are brothers now," he said.

Kapil was thrilled that fans still remember the feats of his famous team. "It has been 40 years since we won, but we still get so much love and affection from everyone. I don't know how to express my gratitude," Kapil said.

1983 World Cup triumph changed India's sporting destiny: Malini Parthasarathy

Sports Bureau

Dr. Malini Parthasarathy, Chairperson of *The Hindu* Group, stated that India's famous triumph in the 1983 Cricket World Cup powered the collective self-esteem of the nation.

In the 40th year of the famous victory, Kapil Dev and members of his team were honoured at the *Sportstar* Aces Awards 2023 here on Monday.

"India won a subsequent Cricket World Cup in 2011, but 1983 remains etched on all our minds and hearts. Why so? Because it was the first time that an Indian team actually tasted the sweet taste of being the World No. 1.

"That also powered our collective self esteem, and gave us real self confidence that India could be a major player in the big game and we are on the road to becoming a major sporting power," Dr. Parthasarathy said. "That win changed India's sporting destiny and our national life forever. We had been defeatist till then as a country, diffident about our sporting capability and timid in our approaches in the global arena.

"When Kapil Dev and his team of greats won, the entire cricket world was stunned and in disbelief," Dr. Parthasarathy said.

"The enduring image of Kapil Dev hoisting the World Cup in Lords' balcony has been etched on a country's mind forever, as it has allowed countless great cricketers to dream and to see their dreams manifest into great world records.

"A new generation of cricketing greats like Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Virat Kohli have been inspired by this epic victory," Dr. Parthasarathy said.

Recognising the impact: Malini Parthasarathy handing over the Sports For Social Good Award to the Indian Oil officials. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Elite gathering

The chosen ones: Avinash Sable and Rudranksh Patil were two of the recipients selected by the Sportstar Aces Awards jury made up of eminent Indian sportspersons. EMMANUAL YOGINI

And the Aces are...

The winners in the fifth edition of the Sportstar Awards:

- Sportsman of the year (Cricket): **Hardik Pandya**
- Sportswoman of the year (Cricket): **Harmanpreet Kaur**
- Sportsman of the year (Track & Field): **Avinash Sable**
- Sportswoman of the year (Track & Field): **Annu Rani**
- Sportsman of the year (Team Sports): **P.R. Sreejesh** and **Sunil Chhetri**
- Sportswoman of the year (Team Sports): **Savita Punia**
- Sportsman of the year (Olympic Sports): **Rudranksh Patil**
- Sportswoman of the year (Olympic Sports): **Nikhat Zareen**
- Sportsman of the year (Racquet Sports): **Lakshya Sen** and **Sharath Kamal**
- Sportswoman of the year (Racquet Sports): **Dipika Pallikal Karthik**
- Coach of the year: **Bhaskar Bhatt**
- Sportsman of the year (Para Sports): **Rahul Jakhar**
- Sportswoman of the year (Para Sports): **Manisha Ramadass**
- Best Young Achiever (Girl): **Antim Panghal** and **Rhythm Sangwan**
- Best Young Achiever (Boy): **D. Gukesh**
- Lifetime Achievement Award: **Shyam Thapa**
- Best PSU For The Promotion of Sports: **ONGC**
- Best University For the Promotion of Sports: **Jain University**
- Best State For the Promotion of Sports: **Odisha**
- Best Grassroots Coach: **Merzban Patel** (Hockey)
- Comeback of the year: **Vinesh Phogat** and **Anwar Ali**
- Sportstar of the year (Male): **Neeraj Chopra**
- Sportstar of the year (Female): **Mirabai Chanu**
- National Team of the year: **India's Thomas Cup Team**
- Club of the year: **Gujarat Titans**
- Moment of the year: **India's Thomas Cup triumph**
- Spirit of Sports: **Nihal Sarin**
- Inspirational Icon: **Sania Mirza**
- Best Corporate for Promotion of Sports: **JSW**
- Sports For Social Good: **Project Parivartan** (IOC)

‘It is a true honour for me to be part of the *Sportstar* family’

Sania, feted with the ‘Inspirational Icon’ award, expresses her gratitude for getting the chance to play for India and thanks each and everyone for being with her through thick and thin during her 20-year professional career

ACES AWARDS

Ashwin Achal
MUMBAI

Six-time Grand Slam champion Sania Mirza won the ‘Inspirational Icon’ award at the *Sportstar* Aces Awards at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel here on Monday.

Tennis star Sania, who announced her retirement earlier this month, was a trailblazer. Sania returned stronger than ever from a wrist injury in 2008, and has served an inspiration for young girls across the nation. She reached a highest career singles ranking of 27.

Sania received the award from former India cricket captain Sunil Gavaskar. “Growing up, like most youngsters, I read the *Sportstar* magazine. I dreamt of being on the cover one day. I put up *Sportstar* posters of Sachin Tendulkar, Sunil Gavaskar and others who have inspired me. It is a true honour for me to be here, and to be a part of the *Sportstar* family,” Sania said.

It has been an emotional few weeks for Sania, who hung up her racquet after the WTA Dubai Open recently. “I’ve played professional tennis for 20 years, and I suppose all good things must come to an end. I am full of gratitude for getting the chance to play for India, my family and for all of you. You have all been with me through thick and thin.

“There is no better way for me to start this new phase of my life than to receive this award from the great Sunil Gavaskar. He is one of my heroes; it doesn’t get better than this,” Sania said.

From one legend to another: Sania receives her award from Gavaskar. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Shining bright

Stars of team sports: Sunil Chhetri, top, and Sreejesh, above, who won the honour in the category. K.R. DEEPAK

Galaxy of stars

Honouring excellence: (Clockwise from top left) Naveen Patnaik (Best State for Promotion of Sports) with Sunil Gavaskar and Suresh Nambath, Editor, *The Hindu*; Harmanpreet Kaur (Sportswoman of the Year - Cricket) with Roger Binny; Rhythm Sangwan (Best Young Achiever - Girl); Gujarat Titans (Club of the Year); Merzban Patel (Best Grassroots Coach) with Suresh Balakrishna, CRO, *The Hindu*; Vinesh Phogat (Comeback of the year) with Pravin Thipsay; Savita Punia (Sportswoman of the year - Team Sports) and Sharath Kamal (Sportsman of the Year - Racquet Sports) with Syed Kirmani. K.R. DEEPAK, RITU RAJ KONWAR & EMMANUAL YOGINI

UP Warriorz intends to bowl over any opposition

WPL COUNTDOWN

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Bowlers win tournaments. UP Warriorz seems to think so, given its approach at the auction. It has put together a team with several bowling options. There is no shortage of quality all-rounders, either.

As for batting, Warriorz have two of the leading ladies in the game at the moment – Alyssa Healy and Tahlia McGrath. Healy has also been named captain, though there had been some talk that the franchise’s costliest acquisition (₹2.6 crore) and local girl Deepti Sharma could be given that role. Healy led (in the absence of Meg Lanning) the Aussies to a 4-1 victory in the T20I series against India in Mumbai a couple of months ago. She might be glad that all the WPL matches are being played at the same venues – the Brabourne Stadium and D.Y. Patil Stadium.

Her form with the bat could be crucial for UP Warriorz.

There isn’t much experience in batting for Warriorz, apart from Healy and compatriot McGrath, the World’s No. 1 T20I batter. The team management also has its task cut out when it comes to deciding the middle-order, where the options are the Indian duo of Kiran Navgire and Simran Sheikh.

The next big thing?

Healy is likely to open with Shweta Sehrawat, who was the leading scorer at the inaugural Under-19 World Cup, which India won in South Africa recently. She could be the next big thing in Indian women’s cricket.

Deepti and Devika Vaidya, the other spinning all-rounder for whom the franchise spent a fortune, could have a fair bit of batting to do. When you add England’s Sophie Ecclestone (the World No. 1), Rajeshwari Gayakwad and promising leg-spinner Parshavi Chopra, UP has arguably the strongest group of ‘slow’ women in the tournament.

Australia’s Grace Harris can also bowl spin, but it is her big sixes the team will want more.

When it comes to pace, UP Warriorz has one of the world’s fastest women in Shabnim Ismail of South Africa. Anjali Sarvani, the left-armer who has had to wait long to make her international debut, could be the ideal foil. For back-up, there is England’s Lauren Bell.

The WPL will be held in Mumbai from March 4 to 26.

Impact Player

Warriorz will look to the Aussie superstar for runs and inspiration

ALYSSA HEALY

At ₹70 lakh, Alyssa Healy was the steal of the auction. She will be charged up to steal the thunder at the WPL. She is a destructive batter at the top of the order. Her hands may be full: she has to lead and keep wicket. She is unlikely to mind all that, though.

THE DUGOUT

Deepti Sharma, Sophie Ecclestone, Tahlia McGrath, Devika Vaidya, Shabnim Ismail, Alyssa Healy, Grace Harris, Anjali Sarvani, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Shweta Sehrawat, Kiran Navgire, Lauren Bell, Laxmi Yadav, Parshavi Chopra, S. Yashasri and Simran Shaikh. **Coach:** Jon Lewis.

THE SCHEDULE

March 5: vs Gujarat Giants (D.Y. Patil)
March 7: Delhi Capitals (D.Y. Patil)
March 10: Royal Challengers (Brabourne)
March 12: Mumbai Indians (Brabourne)
March 15: Royal Challengers (D.Y. Patil)
March 18: Mumbai Indians (D.Y. Patil)
March 20: Gujarat Giants (Brabourne)
March 21: Delhi Capitals (Brabourne)

Richa in Most Valuable Team of Women’s T20WC

Press Trust of India
CAPE TOWN

India’s wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh earned a place in ICC’s Most Valuable Team of the tournament, announced on Monday.

The team (in batting order):

Tazmin Brits (SA), Alyssa Healy (wk, Aus), Laura Wolvaardt (SA), Nat Sciver-Brunt (capt., England), Ashleigh Gardner (Aus), Richa Ghosh (Ind), Sophie Ecclestone (Eng), Karishma Ramharack (WI), Shabnim Ismail (SA), Darcie Brown (Aus), Megan Schutt (Aus). **12th player:** Orla Prendergast (Ire).

CHALLENGING TARGET

Williamson's ton helps Kiwis set England 258 to win

Kane Williamson's 132 steered New Zealand to 483 and set England a victory target of 258 in the second Test in Wellington on Monday. **The scores:** England 435/8 decl. & 48/1 vs New Zealand 209 & 483 in 162.3 overs (Tom Latham 83, Devon Conway 61, Kane Williamson 132, Daryl Mitchell 54, Tom Blundell 90; Jack Leach 5/157).

NUMERO UNO

Williamson becomes highest Test scorer for New Zealand

Kane Williamson surpassed Ross Taylor on Monday to become New Zealand's highest Test run-scorer in the second Test against England in Wellington. Williamson passed Taylor's record of 7,683 runs when he reached 29 in his eventual 132. "It's not something I have thought a whole lot about but it's an honour," Williamson said.

AT THE HELM

Mooney to lead Gujarat Giants in WPL; Sneh named her deputy

Prolific Australia opener Beth Mooney was on Monday named captain of Gujarat Giants for the inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL), starting on March 4. The wicketkeeper-batter scored a match-winning 74 in the final of the Women's T20 World Cup against South Africa on Sunday. Sneh Rana will be the vice-captain.

PROLIFIC RUN

Lillard scores 71 points, joint eighth highest in an NBA game

Damian hit 71 points as Portland Trail Blazers thrashed the Houston Rockets on Sunday. The 71 points tie for eighth most in NBA history as Donovan Mitchell also scored 71 earlier this season. Only Wilt Chamberlain (five times, high of 100), Kobe Bryant (81) and David Thompson (73) have scored more points in a game

Reinforced Australia expected to be a tougher proposition

Starc's angle and Green's speed and lift could probe the Indian batting, complementing Lyon and Murphy's spin; high time Team India took a call on the Rahul conundrum, with Gill waiting in the wings

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

S. Dinakar
INDORE

The black soil pitch at the Holkar Stadium here will be viewed with some trepidation by the Australians.

The two sides of the surface – some call it business ends of the track since a majority of deliveries land there – are dry and should encourage the rampant Indian spinners. The middle portion of the surface has some grass from where Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj could get the ball to skid off the track.

Already there are 'talks' of a three-day Test although the appearance of the track can, on occasion, be deceptive.

Whose turn? Rahul and Gill, left, will be keen to know where they stand vis-a-vis the team composition. R.V. MOORTHY

Adding value

Australia has to find answers and quickly. The return of the fast Mitchell Starc – the left-armer's angle has troubled India in the past – and Cameron Green's speed and lift could probe the Indian batting complementing the spin of Nathan Lyon and Todd Murphy. And Green's batting ability will add value to the side.

Talking about the challenges from the Australian attack brings into question whether the out-of-form K.L. Rahul deserves another go. Rahul averaged 14.25 in the two Tests in Bangladesh. And in the first two Tests of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, he has made a total of 38 runs at 12.66. The numbers are stacked against Rahul. But then, you will also have to weigh his potential. He has two Test hundreds in England, and one each in Australia, South Africa, the West Indies and Sri Lanka.

In fact, six of Rahul's seven hundreds have been made on foreign soil. Considering his ability – this is not in question – will the team management be tempted to give him one more opportunity?

However, it is also true that Rahul, at present, has got himself into a hopeless rut. He has lacked belief, is tentative and doesn't quite know where his next run is going to come from.

If he fails again, it could further dent his confidence and leave behind long-term scars. The wise decision would be to give him a break and allow him time to work on the chinks that have crept into his game. The smooth-stroking Shubman Gill has been in rollicking form, albeit mostly in white-ball cricket, with a 116 at the expense of Sri Lanka in the Thiruvananthapuram ODI, a monstrous 208 demolishing the New Zealand attack in the Hyderabad ODI, followed by an innings of 112 in the Indore one-dayer versus the Kiwis.

And then, Gill conjured an unbeaten 126 against New Zealand in the Twenty20 game in Ahmedabad.

High on confidence

In Test cricket too, while Rahul failed in Bangladesh, Gill came up with an innings of 110 in the series opener at Chattogram.

Gill will have confidence going into the Test with the sheer weight of international runs he has scored in recent times. Both Rahul and Gill had long nets on Monday, and the team management would do well to end the suspense on Tuesday and give time for either of the two to prepare mentally.

Truth to tell, the classy Gill deserves his chance.

Bharat adept at making a challenging task look easy

S. Dinakar
INDORE

This is a vignette from the recent Delhi Test. The sharply turning delivery from Ravindra Jadeja took off from the pitch and climbed nastily raising a puff of dust. The batter was clueless.

Not K.S. Bharat, he rose with the ball, and calmly, allowed the sphere to ease into his big gloves. He did not grab at the ball. He waited for it, balanced himself on the balls of his feet, before gathering with the fluency of a natural.

It was a combination of right technique, reflexes, anticipation and confidence.

Keeping wickets to the bowlers of the calibre of R. Ashwin and Jadeja on these tracks can be daunting.

Chances appear and disappear in a flash as the ball turns and jumps or keeps low. The task challenges you.

Handed his Test cap in Nagpur, the 29-year-old Bharat – he has toiled on the domestic circuit for years – has been impressive behind the stumps in the first two Tests.

On keeping wickets to Ashwin and Jadeja, Bharat said here on Monday, "They are top-class spinners.

"It is not easy to keep to them, at the same time it is not that difficult. All this while playing domestic and 'keeping for 10-12 years, you enjoy the job and are mature enough to keep to the best spinners."

A natural: Bharat displays a combination of right technique, reflexes, anticipation and confidence in his 'keeping. R.V. MOORTHY

> Being a left-armer is slightly different and obviously with the footmarks I can produce as well. I certainly produce more than the Indian guys being a bit heavier at the crease
> MITCHELL STARC

Another key role

Apart from his impressive glovework, Bharat has been given a key role for his inputs in DRS calls.

He revealed, "Rohit *bhai* said 'You are the best judge since you stay so close to the batter.

"So whatever you feel, you just give me and the bowler your opinion. Just back your instinct and put it across.'"

Positive

Bharat said his match-winning cameo, an unbeaten 23 in Delhi, came about because he trusted his defence and was positive.

"Rohit *bhai* had told me I would be batting at No. 6. I was prepared."

Asked whether India should play K.L. Rahul or Shubman Gill, Bharat played it safe. "It is for the team management to decide."

Bharat's rise carries a message: Patience pays.

Lack of a gameplan has hurt Australia, says McGrath

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Former fast bowling legend Glenn McGrath said the lack of a gameplan has hurt Australia in the ongoing series against India after the visitors lost both the first two Tests in less than three days.

"I think they haven't settled on a gameplan on how to play spin in India that they are confident with and can execute. In the first Test they were too defensive and in the second too aggressive. So we will see if they've learned from those two matches," said McGrath, who is in the city for his annual visit to the MRF Pace Foundation, where he is the director.

Bowling tips: McGrath with a trainee at the MRF Pace Foundation on Monday. R. RAGU

Price on the wicket

"They have to find a happy medium and put a price on their wicket. In India, you have to build an innings on solid defence and then look at ways to score and put the pressure back on the bowlers," he added.

The 53-year-old was part of the last Australian team that won a Test series in India in 2004 and played a crucial role in his side's 2-1 win.

When asked if current players did not have the same quality as the previous era, the Aussie legend said, "I won't say players don't have the ability. But we came over with a good gameplan. We had Matthew Hayden, who sweeps a ball well, but it's not about just sweeping every ball.

"It's about being focused on balls on the stumps, keeping out anything outside this. So it's just about putting pressure back on the Indian bowlers. And I think, at the moment, they haven't been able to do that."

Commenting on the Australian bowling attack, McGrath said, "They have bowled well but haven't been able to clean up the tail. The last three batters (Axar Patel, Ravindra Jadeja and R. Ashwin) are the ones causing the problem. Also, I wonder if they got the bowling changes right.

"Maybe Pat Cummins could have come in earlier with a bit of reverse swing to try to pick early wickets at the death."

Looking ahead to the next two Tests, McGrath – known for his confident pre-series predictions during his playing days – said, "Australia has a long way [to go] to turn things around. If they leave the shores with the scoreline not being 4-0, I think they would have done well."

Mithun shocks Srikanth, faces Priyanshu in final

BADMINTON

Sports Bureau

Railways' unseeded M. Mithun jolted former World No. 1 K. Srikanth 21-19, 21-13 and entered the men's singles final of the Yonex Sunrise 84th National senior badminton championships in Pune on Tuesday.

In the final, Mithun will clash with Priyanshu Rajawat of Madhya Pradesh, who put it across Maharashtra's 10th seed Harsheel Dani 21-14, 21-15.

Former junior World No. 1 Anupama Upadhyaya will take on Chhattisgarh's Akarshi Kashyap for the women's singles title.

Meanwhile, fourth seed Anupama prevailed over Ashmita Chalha while Akarshi ended the third-seeded Adita Rao's challenge with a straight sets victory.

The results (semifinals):
Men: Singles: Priyanshu Rajawat (M.P.) bt Harsheel Dani (Mah) 21-14, 21-15; M. Mithun (Rly) bt K. Srikanth (AP) 21-19, 21-13.
Doubles: S. Kushal Raj & S. Prakash Raj bt Hariharan Amsakarunan & R. Ruban Kumar 16-21, 21-19, 21-19.
Women: Singles: Anupama Upadhyaya (Har) bt Ashmita Chaliha (Pet) 21-18, 11-21, 21-18; Aakarshi Kashyap (Cg) bt Adita Rao (Guj) 21-9, 21-9.
Doubles: Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand bt Simran Singhi & Ritika Thaker 21-16, 21-8; Kavya Gupta & Deepshikha Singh bt R. Arulbala & V.S. Varshini 19-21, 27-25, 21-11.
Mixed doubles: Siddarth Elango & Khushi Gupta bt Manu Attri & K. Maneesha 21-20, 21-13.
T. Hemanagendra Babu & Kanika Kanwal bt Arjun Kumar Reddy & D. Pooja 21-18, 21-16.

On track: Anupama prevailed over Ashmita to make the summit clash. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Thunderbolts strike down Blitz to make the last four

Rising to the occasion: Thunderbolts' Ashwal Rai put on a superb performance with his attacking game. H. VIBHU

PVL

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

There were no surprises as Kolkata Thunderbolts brushed aside Chennai Blitz 4-1 and qualified for the semifinals of the Prime Volleyball League at the Rajiv Gandhi indoor stadium here on Monday.

Kolkata, perhaps the strongest team with big names like attacker Ashwal Rai, universal Vinit Kumar and American outside hitter Cody Caldwell, dominated the match and settled the issue with a straight-set verdict and then went through the motions in the last two sets to complete the formalities of the PVL which has a few unique rules.

Kolkata is now second in the eight-team table with 10 points, behind Ahmedabad Defenders, while Chennai finished at the bottom of the table with one win which gave it two points.

With Ashwal serving out on super point, after picking two with a solid smash a moment earlier, Chennai closed in at 12-13 in the opening set.

But Vinit with a nice smash steadied the boat.

The next set was close at the halfway mark but two smashes from the right and left flank helped Kolkata pull away.

The results:
Kolkata Thunderbolts bt Chennai Blitz 4-1 (15-12, 15-9, 15-14, 15-13, 10-15)
Sunday's late match: Mumbai Meteors bt Hyderabad Black Hawks 4-1 (14-15, 15-9, 15-12, 15-11, 15-8).

INBRIEF

Manchester United beats Newcastle to win League Cup

Manchester United beat Newcastle 2-0 in the League Cup final on Sunday to end its six-year trophy drought, securing its first silverware of the Erik ten Hag era. Casemiro headed United in front in the 33rd minute and while Marcus Rashford doubled the lead before half-time to ensure Newcastle's decades-long wait for a trophy continued.

Norrie downs ailing Alcaraz to win Rio Open crown

Britain's Cameron Norrie won the ATP Tour Rio Open on Sunday defeating an ailing Carlos Alcaraz 5-7, 6-4, 7-5. Norrie's victory came exactly seven days after the British World No. 13 had lost to Spain's second-ranked Alcaraz in the final of the Argentina Open in Buenos Aires.

Barcelona tanks points against Almeria in the La Liga

La Liga leader Barcelona tumbled to an embarrassing 1-0 defeat at Almeria, failing to capitalise on Real Madrid's derby draw with Atletico to extend its advantage. El Bilal Toure's fine first half strike earned Almeria its first ever win over Barca.

The results: La Liga: Almeria 1 (Toure 24) bt Barcelona 0; Sevilla 2 (Gudelj 63, En-Nesyri 78) lost to Osasuna 3 (Garcia 18, Fernando 68-og, Abde 85).
Serie A: Bologna 1 (Orsolini 76) bt Inter Milan 0; AC Milan 2 (Musso 26-og, Messias 86) bt Atalanta 0.
Bundesliga: SC Freiburg 1 (Grifo 28) drew with Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Azmoun 67); Bayern Munich 3 (Choupo Moting 31, Coman 40, Musiala 45+1) bt Union Berlin 0.

LIVE TELECAST

S. Africa vs West Indies: 1st Test, day 1, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 & 7 p.m.
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 11 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Wednesday)

Australian media hails women cricketers as among the greatest ever from the country

For this team not to be nominated for the Laureus World Sports Awards is a disgrace, says *The Australian* newspaper

Agence France-Presse
SYDNEY

Australia's all-conquering women cricketers were hailed on Monday as among the greatest sporting teams the country has ever produced after winning yet another Twenty20 World Cup.

Meg Lanning's side beat South Africa by 19 runs in Cape Town on Sunday to lift the trophy for a sixth time in the last seven tournaments.

"Don Bradman had the Invincibles. Meg Lanning has the Immortals," said *The Australian* newspaper.

"Where Bradman's legendary team was labelled as such just for one tour of England after the war, the Australian women's team is now an era of unprecedented world domination," it said. Australia was already 50-over World Cup champion and also won the inaugural Commonwealth Games gold medal last year.

Everyone's darlings: Don Bradman had the Invincibles. Meg Lanning has the Immortals, says *The Australian*. GETTY IMAGES

"For this Australian team not to be nominated for the Laureus World Sports Awards is a disgrace and makes a mockery of the once-prestigious awards," the newspaper said. The England women's football side has been nominated for this year's Laureus team award, along with five others, including the French men's rugby team and Formula One's Red Bull. But Lanning's world-beaters were overlooked.

> They've played in a way that has changed the status and perception of women's cricket forever and made some of them household names
> **THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD**

The Sydney Morning Herald lauded the team as one of the all-time greats. "They've played in a way that has changed the status and perception of women's cricket forever and made some of them household names," it said.

"It's almost impossible to deny that when everything that matters is taken into account – achievement, grace, inspiration to a generation and social impact – they've put more stakes in the ground than any other," *SMH* said.

Lanning has now led the team to five titles at ICC tournaments, with Sunday's triumph adding to her previous wins as skipper in 2014, 2018 and 2020, and the 2022 ODI World Cup victory in New Zealand.

Twelve-member team for women's World c'ships

BOXING

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Star boxers Lovlina Borgohain, a two-time Worlds bronze medallist and the Tokyo Olympics bronze winner in 69kg, and Nikhat Zareen, the 52kg reigning World champion, have been named in newer weight categories for the World women's boxing championships to be held at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in Delhi from March 15 to 26.

Lovlina bagged the National Games title, the Asian championships crown and the Naytional championship after jumping to 75kg and will carry on in the heavier weight up to next year's Paris Olympics.

Nikhat, who secured her maiden Commonwealth Games gold in 50kg, will continue in the lower weight in the World championships as well as the Olympics.

Ready to rock: Nikhat and Lovlina primed to prove their mettle in the newer weight categories at the Worlds. FILE PHOTO: A.M. FARUQUI

Ghanghas is back

Another Commonwealth Games gold medal winner, Nitu Ghanghas (48kg) returned to the Indian side following a long layoff due to injury issues and a surgery.

Manisha Moun (57kg), a 2022 Worlds bronze medallist, Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Jaismine Lamboria (60kg), promising pugilists Asian bronze medallist Preeti (54kg) and 2021 World youth champion Sanamacha Chanu (70kg) will provide solidity.

Reigning Asian champion Saweety Boora (81kg), World youth champions Sakshi Chaudhary (52kg) and Shashi Chopra (63kg) and 2019 South Asian Games gold medallist Manju Bamboria (66kg) will be eager to prove their mettle.

National champion Nupur Sheoran (+81kg) will get a big break after competing well at the domestic level for several years.

As per the new selection policy, the coaches and high performance director Bernard Dunne looked at a few criteria, including fitness, evolution in sparring, regularity in attending training sessions, to pick the boxers.

Nine National champions out of 12 weight categories made it to the Indian side.

The squad: Nitu Ghanghas (48kg), Nikhat Zareen (50kg), Sakshi Chaudhary (52kg), Preeti (54kg), Manisha Moun (57kg), Jaismine Lamboria (60kg), Shashi Chopra (63kg), Manju Bamboria (66kg), Sanamacha Chanu (70kg), Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), Saweety Boora (81kg) and Nupur Sheoran (81+kg).

S. Africa aims to launch new era in Test series against West Indies

Agence France-Presse
CENTURION

South Africa's Test series against the West Indies, which starts at SuperSport Park on Tuesday, could hardly be more low-key but it has the potential to launch a new era for the country's Test team.

New coach Shukri Conrad has already stamped his authority on the team, appointing Temba Bavuma as captain – the first Black African to skipper the Test team – and clearing out several players who were found wanting in losing series in England and Australia. The Test series has had minimal build-up in a South African season which has been dominated by Twenty20 cricket.

The two matches against the West Indies are the only two Tests scheduled for the South African summer after Cricket South Africa took a decision to prioritise the SA20.

The series is part of the World Test championship but South Africa is no longer in contention for a place in the final after being heavily beaten in Australia.

Abhinand lifts maiden National under-15 title

Champions all: Singles winners Sahil Rawat (u-13), Rishan Chattopadhya (u-11) and P.B. Abhinand (u-15). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

TABLE TENNIS

Sports Bureau
ALAPPUZHA

P.B. Abhinand bounced back nicely after losing the first two games to defeat PSPB Academy's Sarthak Arya 4-2 and lift the under-15 boys singles title in the UTT 84th National sub-junior table tennis championships at the YMCA's N.C. John Memorial Arena here on Monday.

It was the Tamil Nadu's youngster's maiden national title, and it came with a prize of ₹38,500.

Sahil Rawat of PSPBA defeated West Bengal's Aditya Das 4-1 for the under-13 singles title.

The results: Boys: U-15 singles, final: P.B. Abhinand (TN) bt Sarthak Arya (PSPBA) 11-13, 7-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-7, 11-6;
Semifinals: Sarthak bt Priyanuj Bhattacharyya (Asm) 15-13, 12-10, 12-10, 11-8; Abhinand bt Punit Biswas (WB) 5-11, 11-8, 16-14, 11-7, 8-11, 10-12, 11-5.

Doubles, final: Priyanuj Bhattacharyya & Divyaj Roy (Asm) bt Punit Biswas & Rupam Sardar 10-12, 11-6, 11-9, 11-9;
Semifinals: Ayush Kurumunji & Siddhant Vasan (Kar) lost to Priyanuj & Divyaj 11-8, 11-13, 11-13, 9-11.

U-13 singles, final: Sahil Rawat (PSPBA) bt Aditya Das (WB) 13-15, 11-8, 11-4, 12-10, 14-12;
Semifinals: Sahil bt Aarav Negi (Ukd) 11-4, 11-6, 11-7; Aditya bt Shashank Keshav Rao (Kar) 11-7, 11-7, 9-11, 13-11.

Huntingdon claims feature

HYDERABAD: Trainer L. D'Silva's Huntingdon, ridden by S. Saqlain, won the Royal Arion Club Million, the feature event of the penultimate day's races here on Monday (Feb. 27). The winner is owned by Messrs Vazhaparmbil John Joseph & Bharat Venkat Epur.

LEADING OWNER: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male with leading stakes-money of ₹51,25,708.

LEADING TRAINER: R.H. Sequeira with 24 winners.

LEADING JOCKEY: Akshay Kumar with 35 winners.

LEADING APPRENTICE JOCKEY: Kuldeep S and R.S. Jodha with seven winners each.

CHAMPION HORSE: Salento.

HORSE OF THE SEASON: High Command.

1. REPUBLIC PLATE (DIV. I): SPECIAL EFFORT (Kiran Naidu) 1, Good Day (R.S. Jodha) 2, Canterbury (Md. Ekram Alam) 3 and Janasu (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 4. 6-1/4, 5-1/2 and 4. 1m, 27.57s. ₹63 (w), 24, 12 and 15 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 63, SHW: 38 and 26, FP: 202, Q: 143, Tanala: 1,078. Favourite: Canterbury. Owner: Mr. Sreerama Suresh. Trainer: M.R. Chauhan.

2. HERITAGE PLATE (DIV. I): TRIPURARI (Dhanu S. Deora) 1, Blast In Class (Santosh Raj) 2, The Hambone (Hindu Singh) 3 and Gaugain (P. Sai Kumar) 4. 1-1/4, 2 and 3. 1m, 13.70s. ₹26 (w), 12, 21 and 16 (p). SHP: 51, THP: 46, SHW: 16 and 26, FP: 143, Q: 68, Tanala: 829. Favourite: Tripurari. Owner: Mr. Rohit Gupta rep. Rolli Stud Dairy & Agri Farm. Trainer: Magan Singh.

3. MIR FAZILATH HUSSAIN MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. II): TRUE MARSHAL (Akshay Kumar) 1, Top In Class (Mohit Singh) 2, Morior Invictus (Kiran Naidu) 3 and Southern Act (P. Sai Kumar) 4. 2-1/2, 1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m, 26.11s. ₹12 (w), 11, 31 and 40 (p). SHP: 164, THP: 79, SHW: 11 and 95, FP: 121, Q: 140, Tanala: 1,168. Favourite: True Marshal. Owners: Mr. Zavaray S. Poonawalla, Mrs. Behroze Z. Poonawalla, Mr. Yohan Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Michelle Y. Poonawalla, Ms. Delna Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Simone Poonawalla Pandole rep. Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Rishad N Pandole & Mr. Chaduranga Kanthraj Urs. Trainer: M. Srinivas Reddy.

4. REPUBLIC PLATE (DIV. II): MY WAY OR HIGHWAY (Mohit Singh) 1, Challenger (R.S. Jodha) 2, It's My Life (B. Nikhil) 3 and Honourable Lady (Santosh Raj) 4. 3, 4-1/4 and 2. 1m 28. 02s. ₹26 (w), 12, 15 and 18 (p). SHP: 51, THP: 56, SHW: 19 and 14, FP: 97, Q: 60, Tanala: 375. Favourite: My Way Or Highway. Owner: Mr. Deepak Choudhary. Trainer: Jasbir Singh.

5. MIR FAZILATH HUSSAIN MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I): MISS LITTLE ANGEL (Sonu Kumar) 1, La Mirage (Suraj Narredu) 2, Starwalt (Kuldeep S) 3 and N R I Sport (Hindu Singh) 4. 2-1/2, 2 and 1/2. 1m, 25.78s. ₹94 (w), 21, 12 and 46 (p). SHP: 36, THP: 146, SHW: 40 and 13, FP: 294, Q: 81, Tanala: 10,438. Favourite: La Mirage. Owners: Mr. V. Narendar Reddy & Mr. Eswarchandra Rajagopal Triupraneni. Trainer: G. Shashikanth.

6. POCHARAM PLATE: N R I ULTRAPOWER (Shivansh) 1, Das (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Clefairy (Santosh Raj) 3 and Role Model (B. Nikhil) 4. 1-1/2, 1 and Shd. 1m, 40.08s. ₹64 (w), 22, 17 and 20 (p). SHP: 41, THP: 53, SHW: 36 and 17, FP: 363, Q: 174, Tanala: 1,685. Favourite: Pal Cha. Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

7. GHULAM AHMED MEMORIAL CUP: KINGSTON (R.S. Jodha) 1, General Atlantic (Gaurav Singh) 2, Ashwa Morocco (Hindu Singh) 3 and Watch My Stride (Abhay Singh) 4. 3/4, Hd and 1-1/4. 1m, 11.16s. ₹90 (w), 25, 31 and 15 (p). SHP: 100, THP: 58, SHW: 30 and 55, FP: 1,137, Q: 402, Tanala: 6,880. Favourite: Soloist. Owner: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

8. ROYAL ARION CLUB MILLION: HUNTINGDON (S. Saqlain) 1, N R I Doublepower (Suraj Narredu) 2, Truth (Imran Chisty) 3 and Encore (P. Sai Kumar) 4. 1-1/4, 2 and Hd. 1m, 39.33s. ₹110 (w), 29, 12 and 18 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 48, SHW: 65 and 17, FP: 375, Q: 161, Tanala: 4,179. Favourite: Pal Cha. Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

9. HERITAGE PLATE (DIV. II): N R I FANTASY (Hindu Singh) 1, Hot Seat (Abhay Singh) 2, Top Diamond (P. Sai Kumar) 3 and Happy Go Lucky (Ashad Asbar) 4. 3-1/4, 1/2 and 1/2. 1m, 13.02s. ₹27 (w), 15, 46 and 16 (p). SHP: 100, THP: 54, SHW: 15 and 60, FP: 620, Q: 322, Tanala: 1,938. Favourite: N R I Fantasy. Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male. Trainer: G. Shashikanth.

Jackpot: (i) 70%: 39, 573 (2 tkts.) & 30%: 565 (60 tkts.); (ii) 70%: 6,14,176 (c/f) & 30%: 65,804 (4 tkts.).

Mini jackpot: (i) 3,314 (19 tkts.), (ii) 26, 832 (6 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 897 (22 tkts.), (ii) 3,246 (12 tkts.), (iii) 4,371 (19 tkts.).

Harmanpreet to lead India in Pro League

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh will lead a 20-member Indian men's hockey team against reigning world champion Germany and world No. 4 Australia in the upcoming FIH Pro League matches in Rourkela. Harmanpreet will be assisted by midfielder Hardik Singh. The squad includes experienced goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh and the young Pawan.

The team: Goalkeepers: P.R. Sreejesh, Pawan.

Defenders: Harmanpreet Singh (capt.), Jugraj Singh, Nilam Sanjeep Xess, Jarmanpreet Singh, Sumit, Manjeet and Manpreet Singh.

Midfielders: Hardik, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh, Vishnukant Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Shamsher Singh and Raj Kumar Pal.

Forwards: S. Karthi, Sukhjeet Singh, Abhishek and Gurjant Singh.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Kanishk's ton highlights Malleswaram's big win

M. Kanishk top-scored with 131 as Malleswaram CC thrashed Young Boys CA by 204 runs in the KSCA (Group I) fifth division league.

The scores: Southern Cricketers 362 in 47.1 overs (R. Prajwal 50, Uday L. Narayan 35, N. Sunil 65, Hriday Bali 56 n.o., N. Shekar 73) bt UVC College 125 in 28.5 overs (S. Akshay 49, Chandrachood Boggaram 25, Hriday Bali 3/22, Jayanth R. Gowda 5/43).
Malleswaram SC 366 in 48.2 overs (J. Jeevan 33, M. Kanishk 131, K.B. Naveen 52, K.S. Srihari 66, V.R. Sudhanva 3/55) bt Young Boys CA 162 in 36.1 overs (Yashmith K. Gowda 36, K. Vishnu Chaitanya 3/36).
Head Quarters CC 294/9 in 50 overs (D.S. Bhushan 31, M.S. Samarth 54, M. Vishruth 79, N.S. Pavan 68 n.o., K. Suraj Kumar 3/15, Pradyumna Panigrahy 3/26) bt ACE Cricketers 185 in 45.1 overs (Pradyumna Panigrahy 25, Suchith Shankar 31, Pavan 26, Sujay 3/38, Devaraj 4/37).
Canarese CC 243 in 48.3 overs (B. Mayur 36, M. Shivanayaka 44, T.N. Pruthviraj 38, A. Pavan Yadav 39, K.P. Harsha 3/37, Sujay S. Kulkarni 3/31) bt Super CC 207/9 in 50 overs (Raj Kumar 42, K.P. Harsha 42, Sujay S. Kulkarni 31 n.o.).
Hosakote CC 269/9 in 50 overs (Humayun 41, N. Manu 58, K. Kiran 47, Leander 3/26) bt Dolphin Cricketers 234/8 in 50 overs (R.C. Triloki 27, U. Jaganatha Raju 32, Shashwik Shetty 85 n.o.).
Bangalore Star CA 77 in 33 overs (Vincent Babu Rao 3/9) lost to Zodiac CC 73/1 in 9.4 overs (Mukesh 25, Karan 26 n.o.).
Garfield Cricketers 283 in 44.2 overs (Nikhil 105, Nandish Roy 38, N.G. Anand 43, B.N. Shishir 37, S. Jaganath 3/43, Bhima Shankar 3/55, K.N. Thribhuvan Sagar 3/12) bt National Cricketers 221 in 38.5 overs (Bhima Shankar 36, S. Jaganath 48, Syed Akif Maliki 65, Chilla Subramanya Mithun 4/40, N.G. Kadir Velu 3/37).
Deccan United CC 140 in 41.5 overs (T. Chinmay 37, Aarya N. Muddu 28, L.K. Viswanath 3/18, Akash P. Maiya 3/36) lost to City Cricketers (2) 143/1 in 22.1 overs (Trilok S. Patravalli 63, V. Vignesh Karthi 39 n.o., K.P. Surya 35 n.o.).

ASC & Centre makes the semifinals

ASC & Centre defeated Roots FC 2-0 to qualify for the semifinals of the Stafford Cup football tournament here on Monday.

The results: FC Bengaluru United 4 (Irfan Yadwad 2, Selwyn Frazier Miranda 27, Subha Ghosh 58, Nikhil Mali 68) bt MEG 1 (Imnaakum 84); Dempo SC 2 (Vinay Vijay 74, Asmon Viegas 77) bt FC Deccan 0; ASC & Centre 2 (Somananda Singh 55, Francis Zonuntluanga 90+5) bt Roots FC 0.

Sunny sizzles as St. Francis enters last four

Sunny Kanchi's all-round effort (6/26 & 41 n.o.) helped St. Francis School, ICSE defeat Sri Kumaran Children's Academy by four wickets and enter the semifinals of the BTR Shield under-14 (Group I) second division tournament.

The scores (quarterfinals): Sri Kumaran Children's Academy 121 in 37 overs (Pradyumna Joshi 26, Pratyush G. Shetty 36, Sunny Kanchi 6/26) lost to St. Francis School, ICSE 122/6 in 28.5 overs (Harshavardhan Nishikanth 27, Sunny Kanchi 41 n.o., Pratyush G. Shetty 3/19).
St. Joseph's IHS 207/9 in 50 overs (N. Dhanush Kumar 28, H.D. Prajwal Gowda 26, M. Sanjay 41, Pratham Shankar 35) lost to Sri RV School, Kolar 208/8 in 46 overs (S.M. Rakshith Gowda 59, G.S. Monith 56 n.o.).
Inventure Academy 92 in 39.4 overs (Yug Sinh Jadeja 27, Jayesh Kumaresan 3/27, Sreearjun Balusu 3/17) lost to School of India 93/2 in 14 overs (P. Lithik Reddy 25 n.o., Jaival Sachinkumar Jani 26 n.o.).
Giridhanva School 205 in 44.2 overs (Adithya Mayur 25, M. Shivu 56, K. Gagan Sai 71, Ojas Shrivastava 3/30) lost to Vidyashilp Academy 208/5 in 38.3 overs (Ahan Kaushik 89, Khush Kothari 61).

AISPB runs riot

Air India Sports Promotion Board (AISPB) thrashed Sports Authority of Gujarat Hockey Academy 14-0 in the Hockey India senior men's inter-department National Championship here on Monday.

The results: Railway Sports Promotion Board bt Food Corporation of India 2-1; Air India Sports Promotion Board bt Sports Authority of Gujarat - Hockey Academy 14-0; Petroleum Sports Promotion Board bt Canara Bank 7-3; All India Police Sports Control Board bt Tamil Nadu Police 9-1.